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## Hospital Ship Bombed

### Brutal Warfare By Nazi Planes

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A Norwegian telegraph agency reports the bombing of two Norwegian hospital ships by Nazi planes, north of Bergen.

On one ship, five people including a doctor were killed when a bomb struck the vessel. Many others were wounded whilst the others suffered no casualties.

The larger ship had just landed 90 wounded. The chief doctor says that there were about 30 people on board his ship. They had been on their course for about an hour when five German planes came towards them and dropped bombs without success.

### Three Attacks Made

The German planes could not have failed to see the large red crosses on the ship which was painted white in the usual manner.

However, the Germans returned and dropped more bombs. The ship kept to its course.

The bombers returned for a third time at a very low height. This time a bomb hit the ship.

Every bit of glass on board was smashed.

Two men on either side of the chief doctor were killed outright while many were wounded.

### Ship Runs Aground

The ship ran aground. Escaping ashore everyone covered behind rocks for over an hour while the Germans machine-gunned them.

They kept calm. The doctor reveals that a wounded German officer in a Norwegian hospital had himself confined with the German authorities by telegram that both ships were being used for red cross work only.

Any German allegation to the contrary, therefore, can be refuted by one of Germany's own officers who knows from his own experience that the Norwegian Red Cross makes no distinction between a wounded German and a wounded Norwegian.

The Red Cross party is not dis-

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## SCUTTLE FROM S. NORWAY

### Remarkable Speech By Liberal Leader

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, made a speech in Edinburgh to-day.

He declared that unless the Government decided on a vigorous and determined action in Norway the neutrals would rush to climb on the German band wagon.

He stressed that we must now scuttle from south Norway and settle down at Narvik.

The battles in Norway were lost in the fog of war but the British Navy won glory and the Air Force won striking successes against the more powerful German forces.

### Evacuation Justifiable

To evacuate southern Norway would only be justifiable if the military leaders thought the situation was beyond repair.

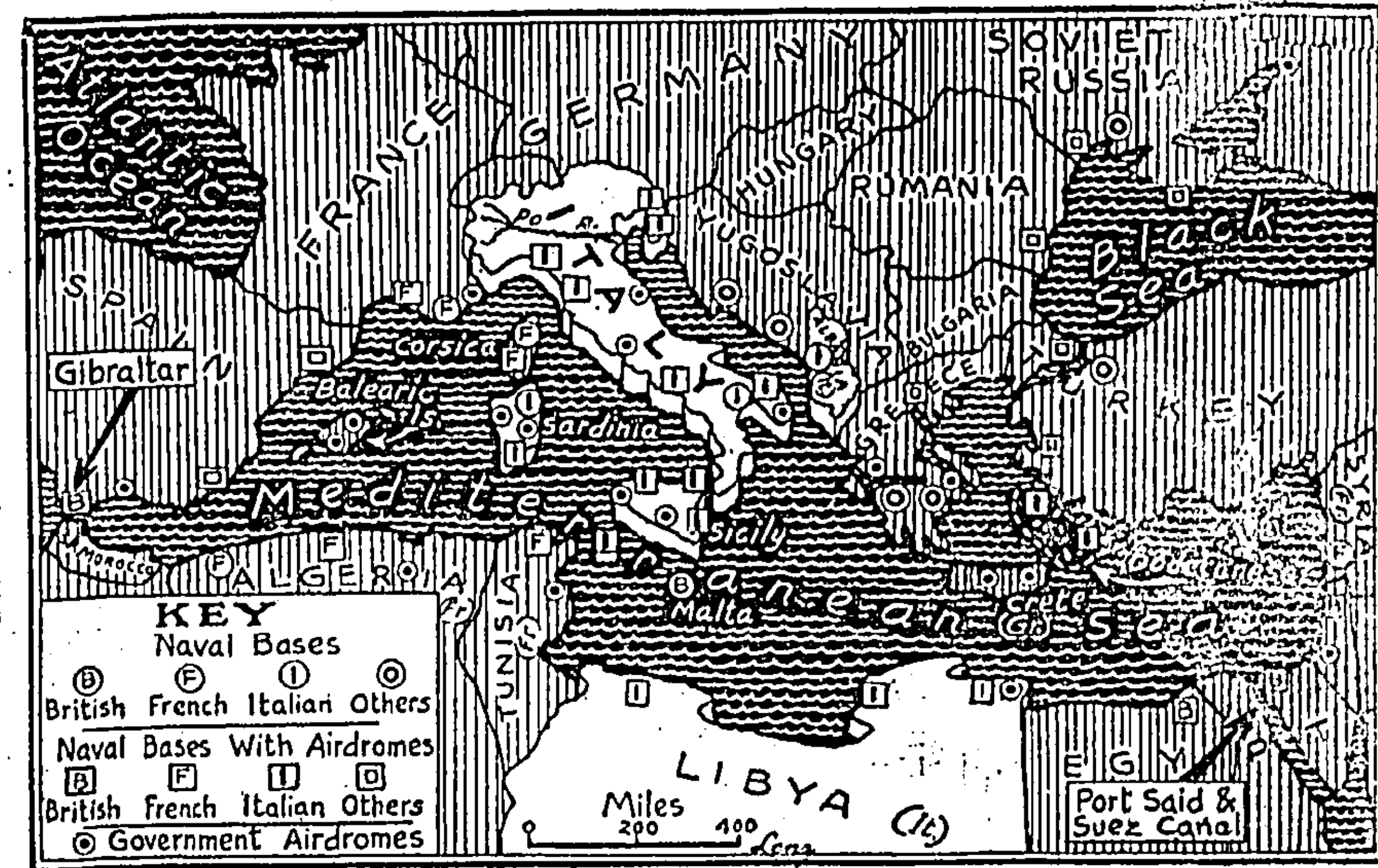
Sir Archibald appealed to the neutrals, particularly to Belgium, to face the facts.

By postponing even preparatory staff conversations till they became victims of German aggression the neutrals made it impossible for Britain to save them from invasion.

Sir Archibald said that Norway never asked for our help and allowed no arrangements to be made between the staffs of the Army forces of the two countries until Germany was already in occupation of all the principal Norwegian ports and centres of mobilisation.

Regarding Belgium, Sir Archibald said that her one hope of preserving her territory was to take concerted measures with the British and French General Staffs before any German advance was made.

# BRITISH SHIPping DIVERTED FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN



## ITALY AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Military and naval strategy in the Mediterranean becomes a focus of interest as Britain orders shipping to divert to the Cape route.

## Germans Claim Allied Forces Trapped As—

# BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS LAND NEAR TRONDHEIM

## GERMAN NAVAL UNITS TRAPPED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FAELNESS, Apr. 30 (UP).—British warships are reported to be constantly bombarding Agdens Fort at the entrance to the Trondheim Fjord, where a German force, said to be composed of three destroyers and a submarine, are trapped.

## HOT R.A.F. AIR RAID

### Fornebu Becomes An Inferno

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Last night's air raid on Fornebu started shortly after midnight and lasted over an hour.

Numerous high explosive bombs were dropped and bursts were seen spreading across the landing ground.

### Attacks Pressed Home

In the absence of the moon, parachute flares were dropped to facilitate observation.

Strong opposition from gun batteries and searchlights developed, but all attacks were pressed home and considerable damage is believed to have been done to the airport and aircraft.

One British aircraft failed to return.

## Death Of Mrs. L. J. Churn

### H.K. Resident Passes Away This Morning

The death took place at her residence, 53 Conduit Road, this morning of Mrs. Lena Johnford Churn, wife of Mr. S. M. Churn of the Union Trading Company.

In addition to Mr. Churn, four daughters, Molly, Mabel, Evelyn, and Vivienne, and two sons, Edwin and Samuel, are left to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place tomorrow, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 30 (UP).—Military circles in Berlin are claiming that the German occupation of Dombaa and Opdal, which they say occurred "unexpectedly and quickly," although the Allied Command denies their capture, renders the English position at Gudbrand Valley and Andalsnes "absolutely hopeless."

A German High Command communique states that the Germans are now in a position to pour uninterrupted streams of reinforcements and supplies to the north of the British positions near Steinkjer.

In all their reports on the latest military developments on the northern front, German quarters emphasise the speed with which the Nazi columns poured along the narrow valleys over very difficult terrain.

### Nazis Hold Railway, Claim

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The official Nazi news agency states that news has just reached Berlin from Norway that German troops have taken Dombaa.

It is stated that German troops advanced northward from Otta in the Gudbrand Valley along the railway line towards Andalsnes.

The High Command claims that the main Oslo-Trondheim railway line is now in German hands.

In addition to Dombaa, the statement states, the Germans have captured Opdal on the Trondheim line north-east of Dombaa.

### No Confirmation

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—There is no confirmation in well-informed circles here of the reports that Dombaa and Storaen have fallen to the enemy.

### Official Communique

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A War Office communique states: "In Sunday's fighting in the Gudbrand Valley, the enemy attacked strongly with the support of tanks and low-flying aircraft. All the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses, including the destruction of three medium tanks."

"During the night our troops made a short withdrawal to a position covering Dombaa."

"Air attacks on Andalsnes and Molde continued during the day."

"In the Namsos and Narvik areas, the situation remains unchanged."

### Fresh Allied Landings

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Fresh landings of Allied troops are said to have been made south of Trondheim.

This report is still without official confirmation.

However, messages from Stockholm state that landings have been made at Trondheim.

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## SUBMARINE LOSSES

### Britain Forfeits Only Seven So Far

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).

Since the beginning of the war Britain has only lost seven of the 57 submarines she then had.

This figure includes the two latest losses of the submarines Tarpon and Sturlet, which were reported last night to be overdue.

One of these seven submarines was sunk as a result of an accident.

This is a remarkable figure in view of the many dangerous operations which the submarines of the Royal Navy have been called on to perform.

### Heavy Damage Inflicted

The damage they have inflicted is well illustrated by British Admiralty figures which show that in the last three weeks the Germans have lost 40 transport supply ships.

Of these 28 were sunk, another was scuttled, one was set on fire and another 10 were hit by torpedoes and probably sank.

There have also been an unknown number sunk by mines in Skaggerak.

The Germans themselves admit officially that they have lost 11 ships but claim that these were all small ships carrying not over 300 men. They claim that the total loss of men could not be more than 3,000.

Unofficial German sources and neutral sources, however, believe that the Allied mines and torpedoes have taken a much greater toll of transport supply ships and that troop losses are in the thousands.

### PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—M.

Paul Reynaud, the new Premier, is suffering from a slight attack of influenza.

## RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS BY ITALIAN LEADERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 30 (UP).—CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING BRITISH SHIPPING WHICH WOULD NORMALLY USE THE MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE.

It is authoritatively learned that these precautions have been adopted in view of recent Italian pronouncements.

As a result, British ships normally traversing the Mediterranean have been ordered to take the Cape route.

This affects shipping to and from India and the Far East.

### DIVERSION TO CAPE TOWN

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively announced that recent pronouncements by responsible Italians have necessitated the British Government taking certain precautions regarding British shipping which would normally pass through the Mediterranean.

The British Government hope that circumstances will permit the cancellation of the precautions in the near future.

### Italy And Hungary

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

No details are at present available regarding the precautions, but "Reuter" understands that they involve a diversion, to some extent, of British shipping via Cape Town instead of via Suez.

ROME, Apr. 30 (UP).—General Balbo's newspaper, "Corriere Padano," announces that "economic conversations" are taking place between Italy and Hungary.

The paper added that it foresees an Italian delegation proceeding to Budapest soon.

### Germany And Yugo-Slavia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Apr. 30 (UP).—Doctor Ciodius, the German economic trade expert, arrived here this morning and had his first meeting with the Yugo-Slavian Minister of Commerce, Doctor Andras.

They discussed the difficulties of trade relations between Germany and Yugo-Slavia, especially the reduction of Yugo-Slav food exports to Germany.

Also they discussed the next meeting at Belgrade on May 10 when a permanent Yugo-Slavian-German Economic Committee will be formed.

## NAZIS TRAPPED AT NARVIK

### Allied Encircling Plan Complete

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).

The Allied plan to arrange a cone-shaped encirclement of the Germans in the Narvik sector has now been completed, according to the Riksgesandten correspondent of the "Afton Bladet."

### Heavy Guns Silenced

The British Navy is stated to have silenced all heavier guns which the Germans possessed.

Namsos was bombed by the Germans seven times in 14 hours yesterday, according to the "Afton Bladet's" correspondent in North Trondelag. He says that the Germans aimed at landing places and added that A.A. guns and fighter planes took toll of German bombers, but these are plentiful that the Germans apparently do not need losses.

## Hungary As Tool Of Hitler Intrigue

# NAZI ATTEMPT TO CONTROL DANUBE

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Diplomatic circles here expect that Germany will shortly create a pretext for the dispatch of gunboats to strategic points on the Yugo-Slavian and Rumanian reaches of the Danube.

The first attempt to attain this object was foiled on April 17 when Hungary, Yugo-Slavia, Rumania and Bulgaria signed an agreement in which each State was responsible for placing its own part of the Danube.

But Germany's hand is seen here in a new Hungarian proposal.

The proposal suggests that the policing of a sector comprising the Iron Gate Narrows shall be entrusted to an international Squadron under a definition which would include Germany.

Rumania and Yugo-Slavia have already definitely rejected Hungary's proposal. Bulgaria has not yet replied.

### Bulgaria's Policy

BUCHAREST, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Press gives an exceptional welcome to a statement by the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, that if any of Bulgaria's neighbours are threatened by war Bulgaria will do nothing to aggravate the situation.

This is regarded in political circles here as an important milestone on the road to Balkan unity.

The papers point out that this is the first time that M. Popoff has definitely stated that Balkan solidarity is the basis of Bulgaria's foreign policy.

## New Leak In Blockade

### Nazi Plane Services With Neutrals

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Mr. R. H. Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, was asked in the House of Commons to-day what steps he was taking to check aerial traffic to and from Germany, especially over routes leading from Spain and Portugal, and connecting with Pan-American trans-Atlantic routes to the United States.

Mr. Cross replied that as aircraft do not land in Allied territory in the normal course of their journeys it is difficult to check them without some arrangements with the neutrals concerned.

The possibilities are being examined.

Mr. Cross added that he certainly was not satisfied with the position and that he was doing everything he could.

## PAY VISIT TO THE WEST FRONT

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Hon. Mr. Norman McLeod Rodgers, Minister of Defence in Canada, and the Hon. Mr. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London, yesterday visited the Western Front.

They drove to the British Headquarters from Paris.

## BIG NAVAL ACTION REPORTED

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—According to the "Gothenborg Post" a big naval action is believed to have taken place yesterday.

From 3 p.m. onwards flashes of heavy gunfire were seen south of Lysekil on the Swedish coast facing the Skaggerak.

Towards 10 p.m. the firing increased and the fighting appeared to be moving southwards.

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The Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi St., Kowloon.  
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

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**OUTWARD MAIL TIMES**  
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**INWARD AIRMAILS**  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 24th April, May 1.

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 24th April, May 1.

Japan	May 1
Canton	May 1
Shanghai	May 1
Hankow	May 2
Japan	May 2
Shanghai	May 2
Sandakan	May 2
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 11th Apr.)	May 2
Shanghai	May 3
Singapore	May 3

**OUTWARD AIRMAILS**  
Wednesday, May 1  
Amoy ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Bangkok ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, Bombay, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 9th May.  
K. P. O.  
Reg. .... May 1, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 1, 5.30 p.m.  
Reg. .... May 1, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 1, 5.00 p.m.  
Amoy and Japan ..... 7 p.m.  
Straits and London via Long-Sun-Route—due London, 11th June.  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Parcels ..... May 1, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... May 2, 9.45 a.m.  
Ord. .... May 2, 10.30 a.m.  
Thursday, May 2  
Canton ..... 7.15 a.m.  
Manila ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Shanghai ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Straits ..... 1.30 p.m.  
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques, and South Africa ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Amoy ..... 7 p.m.  
Manila ..... 7 p.m.  
Friday, May 3  
Parcels only for Tientsin, 12.30 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London—due London, 14th June.  
K.P.O.  
Reg. .... May 3, 3 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 3, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... May 3, 5.30 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 3, 5.30 p.m.  
Parcels ..... May 3, 3 p.m.  
Reg. .... May 3, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 3, 5 p.m.  
Manila, Batul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 20th May.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Par. .... Noon.  
Reg. .... 1.45 p.m.  
Ord. .... 2.30 p.m.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

#### Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Agents,  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

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Matches have been rearranged as follows:—

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Wednesday, 1st May.

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Friday, 3rd May.

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Booking for Stand Seats now open at Moutries.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1940 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1939, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

### HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

R. ALVES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

### THE LOVE TREE

The courting couples of Norwich will no longer be able to meet under the famous old chestnut tree in Chapel Field Gardens. The 160-year-old chestnut is to give way to a young plane tree. The Arctic winter has proved too much for the chestnut.

## James II.'s 1688 Rule First Operates in 1940

# DEATH MAKES TWO BROTHERS PEERS

## One Is Duke, Other Is Earl

**JAMES II.** the Duke of Hamilton, the death of the Duke of Hamilton, the Marquis of Clydesdale, inheriting all the titles of his second son, Lord Nigell, was made Duke of Selkirk in 1646. Later he married the Duchess of Hamilton and was created Duke of Hamilton. When King James II. allowed the Duke of Selkirk to his brother in 1638 he was a peer. That if the brother's line of heirs failed, the Duke of Selkirk should revert to the Duke of Hamilton, to be separated again as a Duke of Hamilton should die leaving more than one son.

### FOUR TITLED AIRMEN

The 13th duke, who died at Donhead, Wilts, had four sons and two daughters. He himself had inherited the dukedom in 1895 from a distant relative. Both the new Duke of Hamilton, the 37-years-old "boxing marquis," and the new Earl of Selkirk are serving in the R.A.F.

### Coroner For 37 Years Told of—

## Death Cell Derby Tip That Came Off

FOR 37 years, Mr. Henry Robert Oswald, whose death at the age of 79 was announced, sat in coroner's courts and heard the tragic side of London life.

Many of the cases that came before him as coroner for West London developed into famous trials at the Old Bailey. In all, he held between 20,000 and 30,000 inquests. Here are incidents from some of them.

#### First Finger-Print Murder

A policeman found a blood-stained finger smudge on a cash-box in a Deptford oil shop where an old caretaker and his wife had been murdered.

That stain led to the hanging of two brothers named Stratton—it was the first murder case in which fingerprints were used in evidence. That was 35 years ago.

#### Ronald Tru, Mimic

Ronald Tru, a good mimic and handy with a pencil, whiffed away the hours of the inquest on Gertrude Yates, murdered in her Kensington flat in 1922, by making caricatures of Mr. Oswald.

True was reprimanded, sent to Broadmoor.

#### Daisy On Scaffold

Once Mr. Oswald went to view the body of a man who had been hanged at Wandsworth.

"I noticed that there was in his buttonhole a little 'daisy,'" he said later. "I was told he had picked it from the grass on his way to the scaffold."

Mr. Oswald told also of a man who was hanged on a Derby Day and almost his last act was to give the warder a tip.

The horse won.

Mr. Oswald saw the death-roll on the roads grow from hundreds to thousands a year. He put most of the blame on pedestrians.

"Men are as bad as women when crossing the roads. Preoccupation is the greatest danger for a pedestrian."

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Consignees in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OIL Agent.

So are their brothers, Lord Malcolm and Lord David. The succession of the Marquis of Clydesdale means a by-election in East Renfrew.

In 1935 he led the expedition which flew over Mount Everest, a feat which earned him the Air Force Cross.

When he married in 1937, Lady Elizabeth Ivy, Percy, daughter of the eighth Duke of Northumberland, their wedding officially ended the legendary feud of the Douglas and the Percy clans of the Border.

They have one son, Lord Malcolm married Miss Pamela Bowes-Lyon, a cousin of the Queen, and Lord David married Miss Prunella Stack, the physical culture expert and leader of the Women's League of Health and Beauty.

The Duke of Hamilton claimed the French dukedom of Castellamare and always signed his letters "Hm., Chat., and Bran," which once led to a wine merchant to reply to a letter "Messrs. Hm. Chat. and Bran: Dear Sirs—"

Before the late duke succeeded to the title in 1895 he was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy.

**Daughter Acquired**  
Three days before the 13th duke died, Lady Margaret Drummond-Hay, his 32-years-old second daughter, was acquired of a "public mischief" charge.

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## Sonnie Wore Father's Stage Costumes

A FEW hours after Robert Hale, the comedian, died this month Sonnie Hale walked on the stage at the Phoenix Theatre wearing the same moustache, wig, old dress suit and white tie that his father wore for his last appearance.

The story really begins about six weeks ago, when Robert Hale was also in the present Phoenix Theatre revue, "Come Out To Play." Just before the West End first night he became ill, and the show had to be postponed until a substitute could be found.

George Carney was the man Sonnie Hale chose. Mr. Carney was suddenly called to Ealing Studios for a day's filming—an engagement that had to be fulfilled.

So, for the matinee performance Robert Hale's part as an old-fashioned music-hall chairman was vacant again. Sonnie Hale took it over.

Just before the show finished Mr. Carney reached the theatre in time to take part in "The Musical Watsons," the sketch Robert Hale made famous years ago.

All this time Jessie Matthews, who is also in "Come Out To Play," was kept ignorant of her father-in-law's death. Sonnie Hale told her when the show was over.

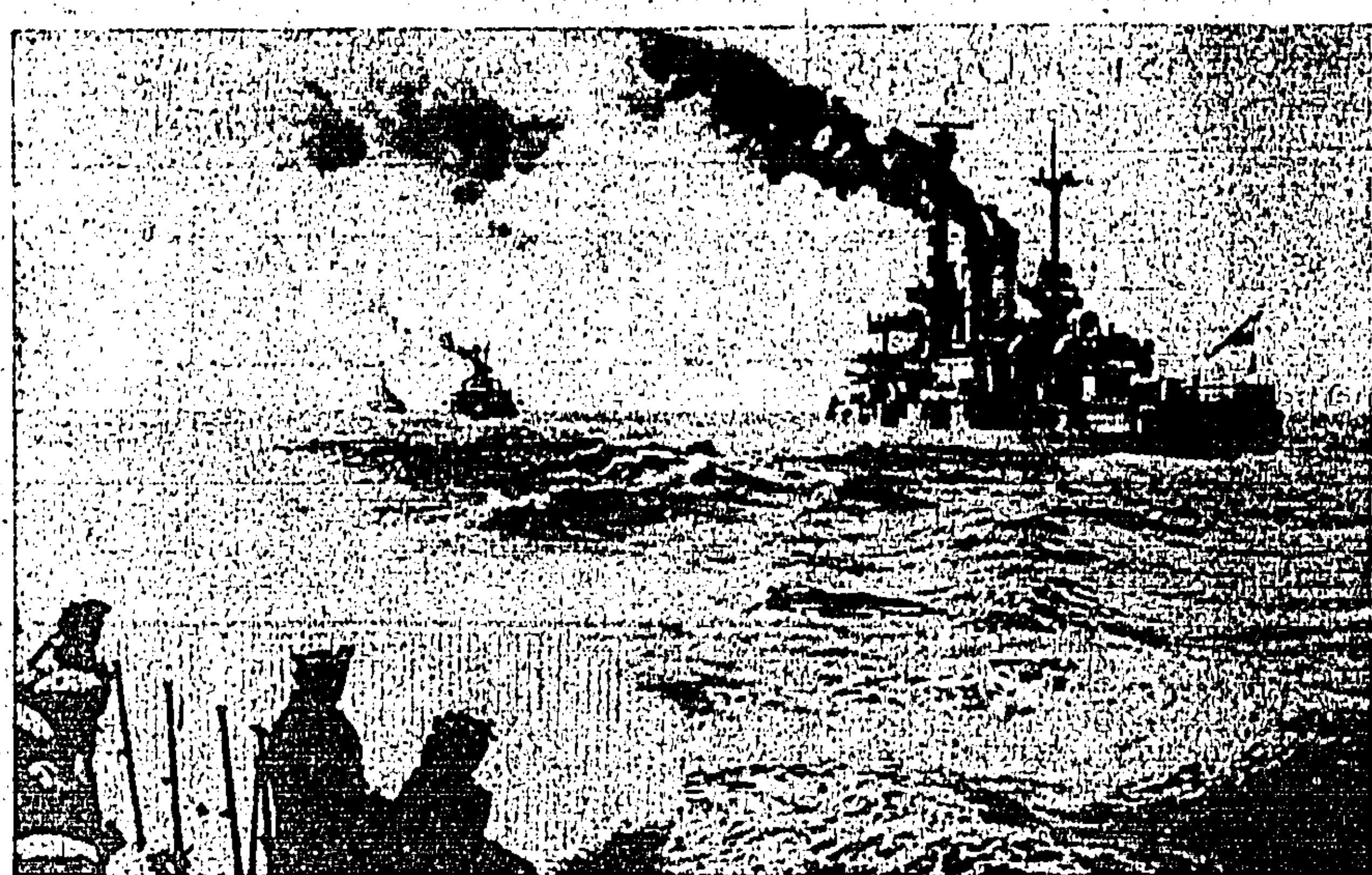
Blonde Hale, starring in "Up And Doing," drove to her father's Maidenhead home immediately after the first night on Wednesday. She was with him when he died.

Robert Hale was sixty-six. His story is different from those of other comedians of his time, for he had no difficulty in making his name in London.

After his first appearance on the stage at Weymouth he was in the West End within six months. And he was only seventeen. His part was Jack, the circus clown, in "Houp La."

At the Gaiety years later he appeared with George Grossmith and Gerlie Miller in the great days of George Edwards. In pantomime he became almost a tradition, playing dukes, duchesses, Abanazars, clowns, pantomimes and harlequins all over the country.

His great gift was mimicry and broad burlesque. And he knew how to use his audiences. In his famous hunting scene, in a voice that hit the back wall of the gallery, he would ask the audience to supply the noises. They always did.



THIS PHOTOGRAPH was issued recently by the German Propaganda Ministry and purports to show the Nazi Fleet at sea. But it was taken before the ill-starred Norwegian adventure. Domei photo.

## WIFE SEPARATES FROM £40,000,000 HUSBAND

JOHN HAY ("JOCK") WHITNEY, 36-years-old multi-millionaire socialite, sportsman, playboy and film magnate, whose fortune of £40,000,000 makes him the richest young man in the world, is said to have offered to settle £750,000 on his wife.

Whitney, an Oxford undergraduate when his father died and left him heir to huge wealth, was married in 1930 to Miss Elizabeth Altemus, of Philadelphia, expert horsewoman and polo player.

Her wedding present from "Playboy Jock" was £250,000. Last night she admitted to the "Sunday Dispatch" New York correspondent that she was now separated and thought of going to Reno for a divorce.

Sportsmen in England know "Jock" Whitney largely for his racing stable. He spent a fortune on his greatest ambition—to win the Aintree Grand National and nearly won it three times with Sir Lindsay, Easter Hero, and Thomond II.

He was noted for his hospitality and parties in England. In 1935 he booked the whole floor of a Liverpool hotel in anticipation of Thomond II. winning the National. It didn't, but Whitney held his party just the same. After that he settled down to a business life. To-day his interests are those of a film magnate. He is president of Selznick International Pictures and has devoted much time to making technicolour famous.

### SHIPPING PROBLEMS

London, Apr. 30. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, stated that since the German invasion of Norway and Denmark no shipping had been allowed to proceed to German occupied ports. Cargoes in ships destined for Denmark were seized as prize.

The disposal of cargoes destined for Norway was decided by the Norwegian shipping and trade missions in London in consultation with the British Government.—Reuter.

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12.44. Gerry Moore (Piano) and His Rhythm in Dance Music.

1.00. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03. Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

1.30. Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45. Dance Music by Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

2.10. Close down.

6.00. Beethoven—Concerto in D Major, Op. 91.

7.15. Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

8.40. Songs by Herbert Groh (Tenor).

The New Mayfair Orchestra.

London Relay—The News.

7.30.

8.00. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03. Ambrose and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

8.30. Marcel Patoiti at the Organ.

Magic Chimes—Intermezzo (Rust).

Whispering of the Flowers (Franz v.

## 'House Full' For Soviet Films

By HILDE MARCHANT  
THE Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R. had to turn away hundreds of people who wanted to see their programme of four Soviet propaganda films at the Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross-road, recently.

Tickets, all sold out before the show began, were limited to members of the society, the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, Woolwich, the South Suburban Co-operative Society, the Russia To-day Society and the British Film Institute.

The audience were mainly students, refugees, and young men in British Army uniform.

The Moscow News was on sale at the door.

The main film was a lyrical, heroic story of the triumph of the peasants of Russia against the invasion of the German princes in the 13th century.

It is loaded with propaganda. This is the story—it seems to have a modern parallel.

German Foes

The Russian peasants were at peace, fishing and building weaving and tilling. The film opens with Alexander Nevsky—the hero who gives the title to the film saying: "We have a proverb—Die on your native land, but do not forsake it."

The heavily armed German princes are sweeping through the defenceless Russian towns.

In the square of Novgorod the burghmaster, tells the people: "We have a pact of peace with the Germans."

The people shout: "We would rather die than live under the Germans." So Alexander leads his rough, small crudely armed peasants out to meet the Germans in the frozen wastes.

He chooses Lake Pelpus for the battlefield, saying: "The Germans are heavier armed than we are. The ice will break under them."

And the climax of the film is a dramatic shot of the ice-breaking, and the Germans sinking with their shields and heavy chain mail.

The film was made some time ago. Opposite the theatre was a news cinema showing the latest pictures of the fighting in Finland.

She Found Bouncing Bomb On Church

Mrs. Wells, organist at Uckfield (Sussex) Catholic Church was startled when she saw a round object in a corner near the organ. Stories of I.R.A. activities flashed through her mind. "A bomb," she thought, and ran from the church.

She looked up and down the road. A short distance away was a soldier, so she ran to him.

The soldier acted quickly. He telephoned his commanding officer, and presently dashed a squad of militia, with an officer in charge. They carried fire-fighting equipment. Cautiously, they approached the organ and peered into the corner. Then, smothering laughter, they hurried out to where they could laugh freely.

For Mrs. Wells' "bomb" was a child's rubber ball.



# MAGAZINE PAGE

## THE ADMIRALTY CHANGES THE C. in C.

THE OLD

### YOU wouldn't TAKE HIM for an ADMIRAL

**SIR PERCY NOBLE** is the senior representative in China of all the British defence forces. When there is trouble, it falls on his shoulders. There has been trouble, on and off, ever since he took command.

If you had met him in London on his way from his house in Chester-square to his desk at the Admiralty—he was Fourth Sea Lord before he left for China—wearing a lounge suit and a bowler hat like any other Londoner on his way to work, you probably wouldn't have taken him for an admiral at all.

He hasn't the bluff manner or the large frame which most people associate with high naval rank. If you had spoken to him you might have thought he was an Ambassador on leave, or a high official at Buckingham Palace.

This, in fact, he might easily have become. It was known that he was a friend of the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, and played squash with him.

It was expected that the Prince would give him an appointment in his household when he came to the throne. But when Edward VIII. came to the throne, Percy Noble was engaged on work of the greatest national importance—supervising the Navy's supplies at a time of naval expansion.

He was created a K.C.B. in Edward VIII's only Birthday Honours.

When you speak to Percy Noble your first impression is one of sympathy and discretion. He might almost be the family doctor—or the family lawyer.

The impression of power comes later—and very subtly. One of the jobs he had as a captain was to command the Naval Training Establishment at Shotley.

A guest asked him: "What do you do if you have trouble with any of the boys?"

"I talk to them."

"And if you still have trouble?"

"Well, if that happened, I suppose I should have to use the stick."

When the Admiralty sent him to China they knew that they were giving him their roughest furrow to plough.

The job needs a man who is a diplomatist as well as a leader; a man who can persuade as well as command. And it needs a strategist—a man who can think ahead and make plans on a large scale.

One of Percy Noble's earlier jobs was Director of the Operations Section at the Admiralty. In this

The NEW

### THEY couldn't STOP HIM in the LAST WAR

**VICE-ADMIRAL GEOFFREY LAYTON**, who becomes the new Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, probably doesn't remember ex-Leading Stoker Francis George Stubbington.

George lives in Shakespeare Road, Portsmouth, these days. He remembers Rear-Admiral Layton.

For ex-Stoker Stubbington served under the Rear-Admiral, (he was a Commander then) in the submarine E-13.

The E-13 was nosing her way into the Baltic on the night of August 18, 1915, when both Leading Stoker Stubbington and Commander Layton experienced the most memorable incident in their two lives.

For E-13 went aground near the Danish island of Saltholm, between Malmo and Copenhagen.

As they tried to free their craft,

the crew of E-13 wondered what daylight would bring.

They soon found out. And both Geoffrey Layton and Francis Stubbington remember with a vividness that will never be erased. Layton was thirty-two then Stubbington was a year older.

When Rear-Admiral Layton was in Hongkong before the war as Captain in H.M.S. Suffolk he never mentioned his amazing experience.

Ex-Leading Stoker Stubbington, happily, proves more talkative, and he recently told the graphic story. "Three Danish warships—small craft they were—anchored near us. And up came a German destroyer. Well, that's that, we thought. We took it for granted we should be rescued and interned," he said.

"That was what any reasonable man would have thought. We were a helpless vessel in neutral waters. Suddenly two more German destroyers turned up. One of them hoisted a signal—and before we had time to read it he opened fire on us."

The came right in to point-blank range. We got a taste of his concentrated fire. Pretty soon there were wounded men lying all over our deck.

It was boiling hot on account of the fires the German shells started inside the submarine. Commander Layton shouted, "Every man for himself. Get away from these swine."

"So we jumped into the water. What happened then is still a nightmare to me. The Germans began using shrapnel and machine-guns. They fired at us in the water."

"I HEARD my shipmates shout as they were hit. It was hell."

"The Germans were murdering us. They were like madmen. But while the shooting was still going on, one of the Danish ships steamed right in between us and the German destroyer. They made themselves a screen to save us from the shrapnel and machine-gun bullets."

"The Germans didn't dare to fire on a neutral ship. So they steamed away."

"Those Danes had some pluck. They lowered their boats and rescued us."

"There were just fifteen of us left—out of thirty."

"I'll never forget the bravery of that Danish commander and his crew—nor how kind the Danish people were while we were interned."

THAT is the story Francis Stubbington told. The Official History of the last war tells the sequel. This is what the History says:

"The vessel was shelled at short range by three German destroyers in defiance of a Danish torpedo boat which had arrived to safeguard Denmark's neutrality."

"Fifteen officers and men of the E-13 were killed, Commander Layton and other survivors were interned in the naval barracks near Copenhagen. After three weeks, Commander Layton withdrew his parole, notifying the Danish authorities, who took extra precautions."

One night he left a dummy in his bed and, while a brother officer created a diversion, he managed to escape from the building, passing many sentries. He had secured a Danish sailor's suit and in that disguise swam along the shore till he reached the city.

There he landed, took off his clothes and wrung them out in 18 degrees of frost, dressed again and crossed to Norway in the ferry.

"In the guise of an American man overseas he made his way to Bergen, whence he sailed to England, reaching London four days after leaving Copenhagen."

## STAMP TOPICS

Nicaragua—In May, 1939, President A. Somoza of Nicaragua visited the United States, and in commemoration of that visit Nicaragua has issued a series of airmail stamps. Five values are for interior use and seven values are for international airmail. The 12 stamps come in three designs and in various colours.

One design pictures President A. Somoza before the American Senate, May, 1939. After the inscription are the words "Buenos Vecinos" or "Good Neighbours." The second design pictures the Capital at Washington, D. C., with President A. Somoza's picture in an oval frame at the upper right and the inscription "Commemoration of the visit of President A. Somoza to Washington, May, 1939." The third design pictures the Golden Gate International Exposition theme, Sun Tower, on the left, the New York World's Fair theme, Perisphere and Trylon, on the right, and President Somoza's portrait in an oval frame, in the centre. Below is the inscription "Commemorating the visit of President A. Somoza to the United States of America."

The values of the interior Airmail set are the 4c. (Capitol), 10c. (turquoise green (Senate)), 20c. (red violet (Capitol)), and 32c. (vermillion (Fair Themes)). The International Airmail set includes the 25c. (deep blue (Senate)), 30c. (black (Senate)), 50c. (carmine rose (Capitol)), 60c. (green (Fair Themes)), 65c. (violet black (Senate)), 90c. (olive (Senate)), and 1-cordoba, violet (Fair Themes).

Albania—Four new Albanian stamps have been received, each of a different design and colour. The 1 q. (grey blue), pictures an Albanian in native costume. The 2 q. (dark olive), pictures a male in another type of native costume. The 3 q. (brown), pictures an Albanian woman in native dress, and the 50 q. (dark violet), pictures a second Albanian woman in a different type of native dress.

Belgium—A new value of the King Leopold III design has been issued to meet a postal need. The value is the 2Fr.50 and the colour is in black.

Philippine Islands—A set of three stamps has been issued in connection with President Quezon's inauguration. They are the 3c. (deep orange), 6c. (green), and 12c. (purple), and are all of one design showing a Government official administering the oath of office to President Quezon.

Portugal—A set of eight values has been issued honouring the Portuguese Legion. The stamps are of one design which shows the Legion emblem and the inscription "Legião Portuguesa." The values and colours are: 5 centavos (ochre), 10c. (purple), 15c. (blue), 25c. (brown), 40c. (dark green), 60c. (light green), 1 escudo (scarlet), and 1E75 (blue).

Spain—In honour of the recent visit of Count Ciano, of Italy, Spain has overprinted six values of the Franco stamps. The overprints are in gold, silver or black, and the inscription reads, "Malaga saluda Conde Ciano, 17-7-39."

United States

The 28th birthday of the First President of the United States recalls that his portrait by Stuart appears on the 10c. value of the first stamps of the United States, issued in 1847. In the next series of stamps, issued in 1851, various portraits of George Washington appeared on five different values of the series. The most interesting set of stamps appearing during recent years which pictures Washington's various portraits is the special commemorative set, issued in 1932, in co-operation with the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

The 2-cent stamp of the issue of 1922-23 shows the portrait of Washington, from Houdon's bust, and if one should turn this stamp with the nose of the profile facing down there appears the profile of one of the "Wise Men who came from the East," his nose being formed by the ear of the portrait, his profile facing to the right.



SIR PERCY NOBLE

capacity he had to prepare plans of operations in case of war for the entire British Fleet.

The Hongkong command called for a man with many varied qualifications.

In Sir Percy Noble it got him.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"If anybody calls, tell 'em we'll send something on account to-morrow!"

## Beauty Routine

FROM the point of view of beauty treatments, the woman with a house has the same start off as the film star with medicine balls, a gymnasium, and eighty feet of private swimming pool.

Every time you stretch to make the bed, stoop to pick up your husband's pyjamas, and sweep the floor, you get a beauty course for the figure that you would pay pounds for in a beauty salon. That is, if you do these things the right way.

It is the wrong way that makes you tired, the right way will set you up and make you supple. How do you make the bed, for instance? The weight in your bent knees, your back humped as you lean across the bed and pull for dear life? That's wrong; try the right way a few times and feel the difference. Stand with one foot forward and relax the other knee. Give the diaphragm a long stretch across the bed while you keep your tummy in and your back straight. The weight doesn't go in your knees, but on the forward foot. And you won't get a pain in the back.

### STAND EASY

HOW do you wash and wipe up? Feet apart, weight on one hip, tummy relaxed, head humped? It's tiring that way. To-day stand straight, chest up, shoulders relaxed and square. If your sink is too low, bend forward from the waist, not from the shoulders, and put your weight evenly on both feet. Think how you iron, weight all on one foot again, shoulders rounded over the board. You get much more tired and are just adding for round shoulders. Stand straight, feet together and head up—unless you're very short-sighted you don't have to peer at what you are ironing. If your board is too low, sit down to iron. In fact, except for very heavy things you can sit down, anyway.

Every time you walk upstairs do it on tip-toe. When you reach for something on a high shelf do an upward stretch exercise—loos together and lift from the diaphragm—you won't find it any more tiring and it will do you good.

### R-E-L-A-X

AND if you do get tired after ironing or scrubbing, see that the tired muscles get relaxed when you have finished. When you stop ironing, for instance, relax your arms and shake them vigorously in turn. Then loosen each leg and shake the slackened one, supporting



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DA1798—Holy City

DA1163—For you alone

DA999—Song of Songs

DA1536—Bird songs at eventide

DA1394—I love thee, (Grieg)

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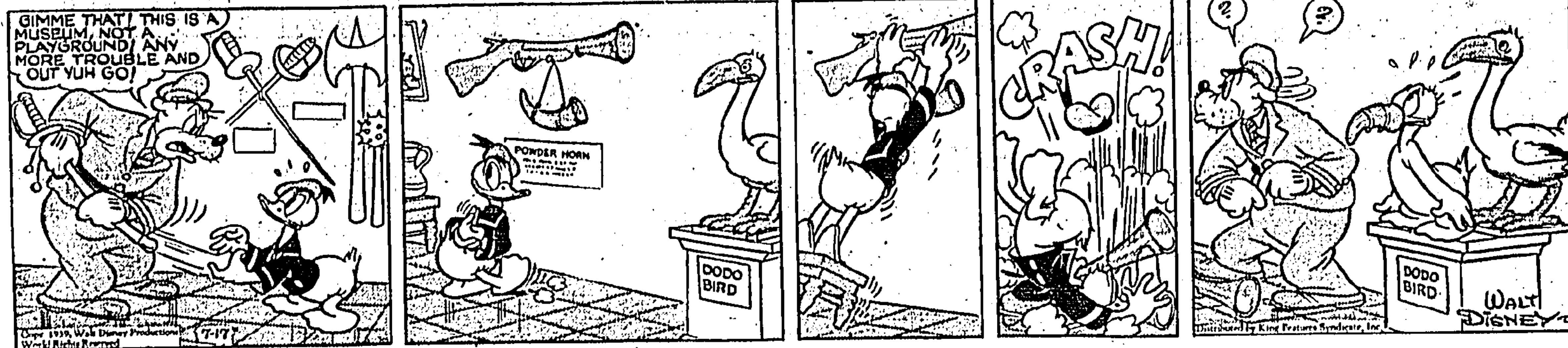






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## What Happened To Johnstone of "Layton and Johnstone" "God Knows I Endured Enough To Marry Him"

### NEWSMEN GO UNDERGROUND



A party of American and other foreign Journalists photographed underground in the Maginot line, which they visited recently—French official Photograph.

## AIR BLITZKRIEG WOULD BE NAZI BOOMERANG

IF Germany were to launch a blitz air attack which slowed up Britain's warplane production, the R.A.F. would still be able to draw on U.S.A. production as well as from the Dominions.

Any German blitz would result in a counter-attack, and the Germans, at the moment, have no reserve production source.

The millions that Britain is spending on American warplanes is up to the moment, for specialised type whose need has been plainly shown.

But there is every indication that so far as front-line fighters and bombers are concerned we shall continue to rely mainly on our own products. These are either slightly ahead or on a level with Nazi designs.

### Used Over Norway

What United States warplanes, excluding trainers, is Britain using now? What has she ordered, and why? What is she said to favour? What types are available if she wants to buy them?

The R.A.F. are using Lockheed Hudson general reconnaissance monoplane, which, similar in appearance to the Lockheed 14 civil air-liner, have specialised military equipment. They are well powered with two 1100 h.p. Wright Cyclone engines.

These machines are mostly being used by the Coastal Command. They are moderately fast, well-armed, manoeuvrable. They have done well on attacks in Norway, showing that their range, which has not been revealed, is more than adequate with heavy bomb loads.

The R.A.F. have ordered, according to American sources (a) 120 Brewster single-seater naval fighters; (b) 250 Consolidated flying boats; (c) 200 Douglas naval dive-bombers.

### Side-door for Escape

The Brewsters (value £2,100,000 with spares) are metal mid-wing monoplane. They have engines of 830 h.p., but I hear there is a later engine, the Wright Cyclone G-200, of 1200 h.p., which yields 330 m.p.h.—maybe more.

The Consolidated flying-boats are well-known. They can patrol for 36 hours over 4,000 miles with a crew of six. Although slow, they have their uses over ocean beats.

The Douglas dive-bombers, again naval types (value, £2,500,000) are two-seaters. These, too, are not outstandingly fast with their 900 h.p. Pratt and Whitney engines. They would be useful for observation work, and attacks on the German naval units and bases.

The R.A.F. may order 600 Bell P-39s. These are unusual single-

seater fighters with tricycle landing gear and a 1000 h.p. Allison engine set behind the pilot, who sits over an extension shaft turning the three-bladed propeller in front of him.

The pilot's cabin is like the coupe compartment of a car, with a side-door through which he can escape if the machine burns.

He has "hook" to that after touching the ground he can pull up quickly in a small front-line airfield.

### Fast as Hurricanes

The R.A.F. can now order, thanks to the United States Government, (a) Curtiss P-40 fighter, (b) Lockheed P-38 fighter, (c) Douglas attack bomber, (d) Martin attack bomber.

The Curtiss fighter is said to be as fast as the Hurricane (nearly 340 m.p.h.), but it does not look as though it would be so manoeuvrable. It is something like the Messerschmitt 109 in wing design.

It would be a much faster fighter with a Rolls-Royce Merlin engine.

The Lockheed fighter has twin engines and a twin fuselage. This, too, is reputed to have 400 m.p.h. in hand—according to the United States War Department. It could be made into a two-seater with a fair amount of ease, thus enabling more guns to be operated.

It crossed the U.S.A. last year at average speed of 365 m.p.h. on a claimed 60 per cent. throttle.

The Douglas attack bomber, an improved DB-7, is said to be capable of 375 m.p.h. Before the war France ordered 100 of the original DB-7s, which were 300 m.p.h. machines with tricycle undercarriages.

The Martin attack bomber is the 107, of which 215 were ordered by the French before the war. These supplied to France did 275 m.p.h. There is an improved version doing 335 m.p.h. It is a small, twin-engine machine capable of carrying half a ton of bombs and a big ammunition load.

Finally, it must be stated that if the design of certain United States warplanes satisfies the R.A.F., it is often possible for them to be fitted with British engines. Present British air engine design is ahead of the American types, and shortly still more advanced designs will be appearing.

## — DESHABILLETES —

HUNDREDS of girl Civil servants in Bath are to have a club in which they can wash, mend and iron their "undies."

In another of the club there will be billiards and darts rooms for male guests, and a committee room for the Civil Service Clerical Association.

New York.

THE Englishwoman whose marriage to negro singer Clarence Johnstone started London five years ago sat in her one-room home in New York and told me she was happy.

Gazing adoringly at his blonde, blue-eyed wife as she told of her love for him, sat the dusky husband who in Layton and Johnstone singing partnership won wealth in British variety years ago.

Now Johnstone, who went bankrupt before leaving England, is a poor man, and his wife Raymond, whom the British violinist, Albert Sandler, divorced in 1934, is sharing his poverty in a little room on the fringe of Harlem, grim negro district of New York.

I knocked at the door of a dingy rooming house and came face to face with the woman whom coloured neighbours call the "beautiful blonde lady."

She sat in a blue silk wrap on a big double bed in a room furnished with a dressing table and a large gramophone.

### Her Lost Daughter

On the mantelpiece, in the place of honour, was a photograph of a pretty English schoolgirl—plump, pigtail over each shoulder. She is Mrs. Johnstone's nine-year-old daughter by her first marriage.

By the photograph was a card bearing the words "Mother dear"—doubtless a love token from her daughter far away in an English school.

"Why have you come to see us?" asked Mrs. Johnstone. "We left the English world so long ago."

In a torrent of conversation the couple recalled the delights of England and the Continent in the days when they lived and travelled in luxury.

Johnstone walked to a pile of old records and put one on the gramophone.

It was Layton and Johnstone singing one of their greatest song triumphs—"Whistler I'm Happy, Whether I'm Blue, It All Depends on You."

Johnstone's wife smiled understandingly at him.

From a drawer they took a letter pasted on cardboard. It was an invitation from an enquiry of the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, inviting Johnstone to entertain a private party.

Mrs. Johnstone told me how her husband returned to America four years ago and how she followed.

### "I Love Him"

"I followed my husband because I love him," she said. "My place is always with him. God knows I endured enough to marry him."

She didn't tell me what I heard later from neighbours—that during his illness she went out to work to help to pay doctors' bills.

The colour bar is so strict in New York that Mrs. Johnstone and her husband cannot enter even the simple cafes outside Harlem together, and she cannot be received with him in most white society.

In the divorce action in London Sandler was awarded £2,500 damages against Johnstone, cited as the correspondent, but the coloured singer won his appeal against damages.

Johnstone's former partner, Turner Layton is still one of the big draws in British variety.

When Clarence Johnstone appeared for his public examination in London after his bankruptcy, it was stated that the joint income of himself and Turner Layton from 1923 to 1936 was £160,000. . . . In one year they made a profit of £33,000.

When Turner Layton was told about the news from New York, he said:

"This is terrible. I am distressed to hear it."

"Johnstone and I have not corresponded since we split the partnership. But I am sorry to hear of his bad luck. I sincerely hope he has seen the worst of it."

### GOBBELS' SYLT-SCAPA BALANCE SHEET



The German Press issued the following balance-sheet on the Scapa Flow and Sylt raids:—

Scapa Flow (Credit)	
One British battleship "as good as destroyed" .....	£11,250,000
Two battleships seriously damaged .....	£16,000,000
One cruiser seriously damaged .....	£2,250,000
Two more big ships seriously damaged .....	£3,750,000
Damage to three British aerodromes .....	£208,300
Damage to British A.A. batteries .....	£108,250
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>£24,230,550</b>
Sylt (Debit)	
One damaged house roof ..	£60
One rifle range to be repaired .....	£9
Window panes to be replaced .....	£28
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>£97</b>

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Sir Herbert James Stanley, KCMG, Governor of Southern Rhodesia has been extended until April, 1941. Sir Herbert has been Governor since 1935.

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## Oslo Was Betrayed By Nazi Plotters Within Her Gates

When I hurried into the telegraph building I had hopes. There were still no German troops guarding the door. But immediately I knew I was too late.

The first hint came when a woman employee who always addressed me in perfect English spoke to me in German and tried to refuse the message on the ground that I had no special telegraph card. But her chief had already accepted my despatch at one o'clock. Finally she accepted it reluctantly, together with 64 dollars' worth of Norwegian crowns which had to be paid in advance. Then she told me in German that I must see Frauclia Hauge the next morning, or no more messages would be accepted. Of course, my own and all other despatches for the next 24 hours were never sent. The Germans had closed all wires as well as the telephone lines to the outside world.

### Public Offices Taken Over

Next day, Wednesday, was as unbelievable as the events of April 9 had been. German troops now stood guard over Parliament, the University, the City Hall and other public buildings. My first shock came early in the morning as I passed the Storting. Two score German soldiers filled the open windows of the third floor of the Parliament building, all singing lustily, while one pumped joyfully at his accordion. Osloans

stood watching and listening on the pavements below. I looked closely, but as far as I could see they were simple curious and somewhat entertained. As on the previous night, after the occupation of the city, the cafes were filled in almost normal fashion, and a large number of young men were jolling in them as if no such thing as a regular Norwegian army were ready to offer resistance to the invader only 50 miles north of the capital.

Wherever we went we saw groups of young people clustered round German soldiers on guard. Some of them chatted pleasantly with the soldiers, some stared at their rifles and machine-guns and asked questions about them. Many young girls gazed admiringly at the men in field-grey uniforms.

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### DEATH

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## The Hongkong Telegraph

Wednesday, May 1, 1940.

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### Parliament's New Technique

The British House of Commons to-day presents a strangely different aspect from that of a year or two ago. Then it was deeply divided on major questions of foreign policy, some of which could not be raised without fierce debate. Now its temper is completely altered. It is more like a large committee of persons assembled to deal with a matter of common interest and to pool their knowledge with a view to attaining results.

The parties under their leaders sit in their accustomed places, and the spokesmen of Labour and the Liberals duly rise to make their comments on ministerial utterances. But apart from occasional echoes of old social controversies, party feeling is largely in abeyance. All groups—or at least all the more important groups—are in agreement about the main requirements for war, about conscription, and the need of making everything else secondary to the efficient prosecution of war. If it is true that the party system is of the essence of Parliamentary government, then it might be supposed that Parliamentary government had ceased.

But, on the contrary, Parliament has by no means ceased to function. It is extremely active, although the form of its activity is not that to which politicians are accustomed. Criticism is ceaseless, but in the main it is the criticism of individuals listening to the voice of the man-in-the-street rather than that of a political party. It is heard just as often from Conservative members as from the Opposition.

The House of Commons has become a sort of watch-dog for the public, ceaselessly reminding an Executive that it has to reckon with public opinion and must march in step with it.

Many members regard it as one of their most important functions to extract information from the Government, not for handing it on to the public, but that their own criticism may be informed. Hence the demand for occasional secret sessions. At a secret session it is expected that information will be imparted to Members for their own use so that they can more effectively discharge their critical duties.

Parliament is playing a democratic role effectively, but not in the least in the usual Parliamentary way, or according to the tradition. Is it possible that a House of Commons which can so change its procedure in this way may evolve a new technique which in time may fundamentally modify the party system?

# OSLO WAS BETRAYED BY NAZI PLOTTERS WITHIN HER GATES

## First Full Narrative of Germany's Penetration of the Fjord Defences and Seizure of the City

For the first time, in the despatch published below, the full story is revealed in Hongkong of the treachery among Nazi supporters in Norway and highly-placed officials which made possible to the German Navy and Army their unchallenged entry into Oslo.

It reveals that an order, forged in the name of Dr. Koht, Norway's Foreign Minister, forbade resistance by the warships at the naval base in Oslo Fjord; and that the electrically controlled minefields in the Narrows were rendered harmless as part of the plot.

Our contributor was also an eye-witness of the strange and bewildering events of the hours which followed the occupation and describes the "triumphant march" of the German troops—at that time numbering only some 1,500—through the principal boulevard. He tells of the embargo of the German censorship on all messages from Oslo to the outer world; his despatch now brings to light a story which was "crying to be told."

### BY AIR MAIL FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

#### STOCKHOLM.

FOR the first time the story behind Germany's paralyzing twelve-hour invasion of Norway on Tuesday, April 9, can be told.

Between midnight and noon on that bewildering day Norway's capital, all her principal supports and her most strategically valuable coastal defences fell into German hands like overripe plums.

The Norwegian people were stunned, as the seigian people must have been stunned in 1914, and most of them still have not the slightest conception how this incomprehensible tragedy could have happened. I spent those hours in Oslo, together with two other American newspapermen who were on the spot—Warren Irvin, of the National Broadcasting Corporation, and Edmund Stevens, of the Christian Science Monitor—and we ourselves could scarcely accept the evidence of our eyes. But I had to remain in Oslo through four days of the German occupation to learn how this miracle of lightning naval and military occupation was made possible. Then I could scarcely believe my ears.

After that, with the last train connections with Sweden severed, Irvin and I decided to try somehow to get across the border.

#### NOT SUBDUED BY ARMS

It was the only possible way to give a detailed account of the most astonishing thing that has happened since the second World War began.

Norway's capital and great seaports were not captured by armed force. They were seized with unparalleled speed by means of a gigantic conspiracy which must undoubtedly rank among the most audacious and most perfectly oiled political plots of the past century.

By bribery and extraordinary infiltration on the part of Nazi agents, and by treason on the part of a few highly-placed Norwegian civilian and defence officials, the German dictatorship built its Trojan horse inside Norway.

Then, when the hour struck, the German plotters spiked the guns of most of the Norwegian navy and reduced its formidable fortresses to impotence.

Absolute control by a handful of key men in administrative positions—and in the Navy—was necessary to turn the trick and everything had been faultlessly prepared.

The conspiracy was about 90 per cent according to schedule. Only in two or three places was it marred by unexpected hitches, but Norway's sea gates were already wide open.

For the success of the German plan the capture of three key cities was essential. These three were Oslo, Bergen and Narvik. It is reported that Narvik was betrayed to the Germans by its commanding officer. How Bergen's harbour defences were taken remains a mystery so far as I can learn. But most important of all to the Nazi plot was the immediate domination of Oslo Fjord, with its mighty fortresses, and the forcing of its virtually impenetrable narrows at Drobak, together with the seizure of the great Norwegian naval base at Horten.

Only in this manner could the Germans penetrate to Oslo and deliver the almost irresparable blow to Norway's Parliamentary Government.

#### AGAINST ARMY ADVICE

To seize the whole of Oslo Fjord and force its narrows would have appeared impossible to any foreign government except the Nazi Dictatorship; but by methods even more astonishingly efficient than those which placed Austria and Czechoslovakia in the inescapable was accomplished. Until now I believe the outside world has had to guess how it was done.

To understand the scope of the conspiracy one must go back to some-where near the climax of the plot. In Oslo I learned on most reliable authority that Germany's sea forces and troopships sailed from the German ports for their Norwegian adventure during the night of Thursday, April 4—three full days before the British mined the upper Norwegian coast between Bergen and Narvik. I was also informed with impressive assurance that the German army chiefs strongly opposed Hitler on the plan to invade Norway, because they insisted that the communication lines for an army of occupation in Norway would be most dangerously limited and exposed.

The Nazi party's Radical leaders supported the Fuehrer in a decision taken against the counsel of the regular army chiefs.

On Friday night, April 5, while the German fleet and transports were already steaming towards Norway, an event of enormous historical import-

ance occurred at Oslo, and until now has probably never been reported.

The German Legation held a soiree to which were invited 200 persons representing Norway's most influential personalities. All the members of the Government were invited, many officers of the defence forces, and leading bankers, shipping executives and industrialists. The invitation emphasized the importance of the soiree by stipulating white ties, uniforms "and decorations."

#### "BAPTISM OF FIRE"

Despite the great formality imposed it was no official dinner. Norway's elite had been invited to see "an unusually interesting film." It proved to be the cinema film "Baptism of Fire," which depicts in most graphic details Germany's aerial destruction in Poland. For over an hour the distinguished Norwegian audience sat in icy silence, gripped by the horror of the scenes. Afterwards the German Minister explained that the film was not a war but a peace film, since it showed what nations which chose peace would save their people. German Legation that night filled with gloomy ominous thoughts.

In Oslo I learned that Major Quisling, leader of the pro-Nazi Norwegian party called the Samling and (to-night Premier of the so-called "National Government" set up after the German occupation, was in Berlin at the time the film was being shown in Oslo and while the expedition was being organized. He returned to Oslo on Saturday, April 6.

On Sunday night the British sowed the minefields below Narvik. On Monday Berlin's Press flamed against "provocation." In the first hours of Tuesday, April 9, Norway's naval defences were betrayed to the German fleet and the first German troops were landed at Fornebo, Oslo's airport, a few hours after daylight.

This brings us to the methods by which Oslo Fjord and Oslo itself were captured from the sea in the early morning hours of April 9.

The Germans could not enter without controlling the vital Norwegian base at Horten. At 1.30 that morning—three and a half hours before Berlin's ultimatum was handed to Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister—the commander of three Norwegian warships at Horten received an urgent message. It was to Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, and was signed by Koht himself, and was accepted as coming direct from the Government via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It ordered the Norwegian ships not to fight against German warships which were about to come up the fjord, and to put all their men ashore immediately—without their arms.

Without questioning the origin of the order the commander ordered all his men ashore except stokers and messmen.

Here one slight hitch occurred which was costly for the Germans. The Norwegian minelayer Olav Tryggvason had unexpectedly put in for repairs the previous evening. Her presence was apparently unknown to the leaders of the conspiracy in Oslo. This was the only Norwegian war vessel which did not receive the order and thus she remained in a condition to fight.

Afterwards the Norwegian sailor who verified these developments told me: "It was only through treason that the Germans got in."

Meanwhile, an even greater coup had been scored by the plotters. The Narrows of Oslo Fjord were mined and controlled from Drobak. About 1.30 on the morning of April 9 these mines were electrically disconnected from the Drobak control. The mystery of who ordered this to be done remained unsolved when I left Oslo, but this move enabled a German cruiser to penetrate the Narrows before dawn.

"Nothing We Could Do"

At 4.30, still half an hour before the German Minister handed the Nazi ultimatum to Dr. Koht, a German cruiser, believed to have been the Emden, accompanied by two submarines, reached Horten. The three Norwegian war vessels there were completely helpless, but the little minelayer Olav Tryggvason blocked the entrance to the Narrows. She immediately discharged her torpedoes and sank the cruiser and one submarine.

It was reported, though I am unable to confirm this, that the cruiser Bluecher also was sunk by gunfire from the Narrows fort called Oskarborg.

In any case the crews of all the other warships were ashore without arms at Horten by daybreak. The Germans had landed marines and seized Horten. The way through the Narrows was open and Oslo was defenceless from the sea.

I talked to another Norwegian who was one of the Horten naval base personnel that night. He confirmed all the main details of the above events including the fact that two German cruisers were sunk. "Later the Germans got about 100 men ashore. There was some fighting. There were four men killed and the Germans two. But there was nothing we could do. The officers of our ships ran up white flags. We did not know why and I still do not know why. We thought they had orders from the Government."

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only through the personal intervention of Mr. Raymond Cox, First Secretary, who remained in charge of the American Legation, that our first despatches were finally accepted—the only despatches which were allowed to pass for more than 24 hours.

Norway's capital in very quarter was a scene of dazed disorganization, completely without leadership. Apparently even the men who had been called to the colours did not know where to go or simply forgot about it. The streets were filled with men of fighting age, all standing watching the German planes, waiting and speculating but doing nothing and going nowhere.

It was like this until 2.30. Then, as I walked up to the hotel desk the porter asked me "Aren't you going out to see the Germans come in?"

"What do you mean, the Germans?"

"Yes, they're marching up Carl Johan Boulevard any minute now." I called Irvin and Stevens; we rushed outside into the strangest scene imaginable. Oslo's beautiful main boulevard was jammed with people all flocking to see the Germans come in. Strangest of all were the Norwegian policemen calmly forming lines along the pavements creating the streets for the Germans' triumphal entry. One policeman told me the Germans would be there within 10 minutes.

All this and what follows I told in a despatch which I handed in that afternoon—but the Germans had just taken over the telephone building and I learned two days later that not a line of the despatch was ever sent.

Meanwhile we supposed that the world knew most of the story.

We waited half an hour on the hotel balcony with an excellent view all the way up the boulevard to its beginning at the foot of the hill on which the Royal Palace stands.

**The Marching Column**  
Shortly before three o'clock two lorries filled with a dozen German soldiers rolled along the street. Soldiers lolled in them with rifles dangling as if they had been assured that they had not the slightest resistance to fear. From the rear of the second lorry two machine-guns poked their noses out, straight down the boulevard. Their crews lay prone, with intent, hard faces, ready to fire. This was the only show of force and all that was needed.

At 3.3 a murmur ran through the crowd. We could see two mounted men swinging into the boulevard in front of the Palace. Six men, in the head of a marching column, in field-grey. The mounted men were Norwegian policemen actually escorting the German troops which were occupying the capital. We looked on incomprehensibly. Later I was told that the Norwegian policemen never carry any kind of arms; this also was why they failed to fulfil the Government's order to arrest Quisling.

The German column marched steadily nearer through a lane of 20,000 or 30,000 Osloans, fully half of whom were men of military age. A tall, broad-shouldered officer, Gen. von Falkenhorst, and two other officers marched directly behind the mounted police. Then came the German regulars in column of threes, as if to make the line look as long as possible. One out of nine carried light machine-guns; all carried compact aluminium kits and bulky shoulder-packs.

Several times Falkenhorst and the other two officers returned the Nazi salutes of persons in the crowd, who must have been German advance agents and had been busy in Oslo for weeks before this crowning moment.

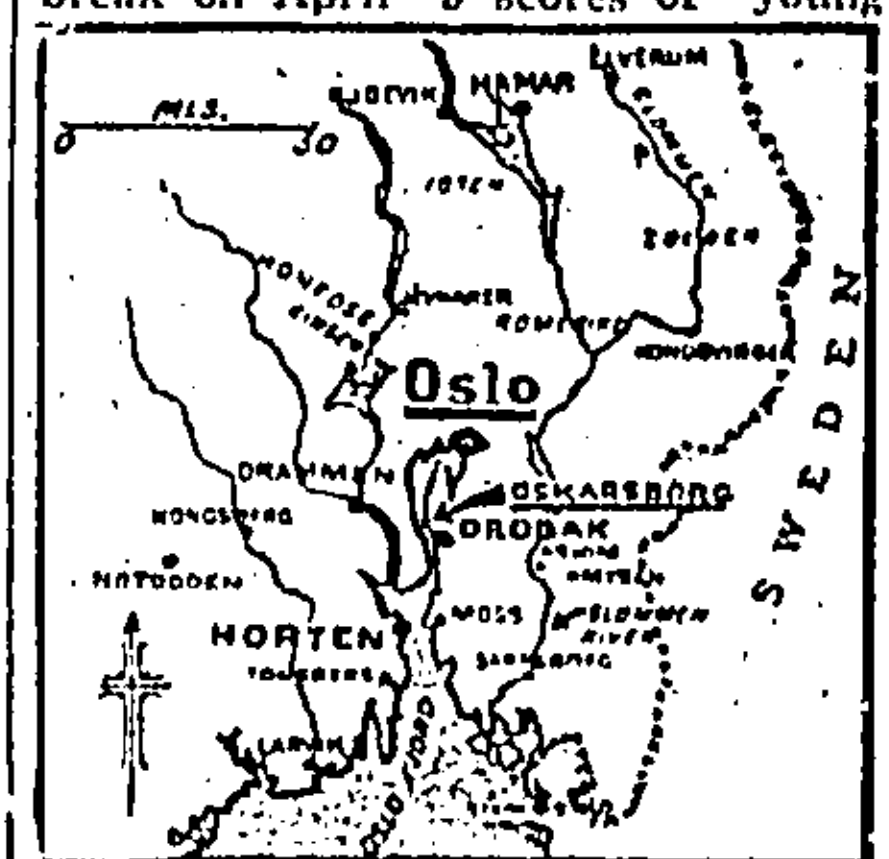
From our hotel balcony two Nazis gave the salute. I noticed in particular the beaming face of a blonde, blonde German woman whose husband had been very active in our hotel since we arrived the previous Thursday.

It was a thin, unbelievably short column. It required only six or seven minutes to march past. It was composed of only two incomplete battalions—surely less than 1,500 men in all.

Norway's capital of nearly 300,000 inhabitants was being occupied by a German force of approximately 1,500 men.

The last of the German troops went by without a single cheer or hiss, without a single tear noticeable on any Norwegian face. Like children.

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The Sea Approach to Oslo

Norwegians reported at Horten Railway Station. They were immediately rounded up by German marines of the landing party and placed aboard the German ships which had come up.

Meanwhile we had spent an eerie night at Oslo's Grand hotel, with a succession of air raid alarms, of which the first sounded 35 minutes after midnight, about the time the mobilisation was ordered.

At first I did not understand the alarm, as the sirens were different from those of Helsinki and sounded like motor-cars honking in a traffic jam. Later Stevens and I decided that the Norwegians were only rehearsing the air alarm as a precaution. So I refused to get up until seven o'clock. Then a Finnish diplomat informed me of the ultimatum and the Government's decision to leave.

At 7.45, while we still had not the slightest idea what had happened in Oslo Fjord and at Horten, five Nazi bombers suddenly came roaring over the rooftops so low that they almost touched them. We watched, then came, expecting every moment that bombs would fall. For two and a half hours German planes dived over the city, always only three or five in number. They were intended to terrorise the populace into surrender and the authorities into inaction while the first troops were being landed by air at Fornebo, outside the city.

Thousands of Osloans gazed at them curiously and fearfully, but there was no panic. None of us dreamed that German warships were in the inner harbour and that Oslo was already doomed. We still thought that British ships and planes might come at any moment. It seemed utterly incredible that the Narrows could have been forced by the Germans and the powerful forts of the Fjord silenced.

The same madness of incomprehensible events continued all day long. First there was mystification over the city's complete lack of defence from its naval forces and coastal forts. Then it was the immensity of the low-flying Nazi planes to the thousands of machine-gun bullets which splattered almost incessantly until after 10 o'clock. Then it was the further fact that only one anti-aircraft battery seemed to be firing against the German planes, and that even this became silent after firing only a few shells, all of which were inexplicably wide of their mark.

**Dazed Disorganisation**  
Finally, at 10.30 came an equally fantastic jolt, during which the German planes only circled occasionally and absolutely nothing seemed to happen.

Tens of thousands of persons clustered in the streets and on the pavements, waiting, utterly baffled. We all asked where the British were, but also, where were the Germans? Meanwhile I had a great battle to get the Telegraph Office to accept a despatch without a special Government Press card. At nine o'clock in the morning Stevens and I could find no responsible chief at his post in the telegraph building, only groups of perplexed employees standing about in the corridors—those few who had reported for work. It was



## R.A.F. Pilots Decorated

### Brilliant Work At Stavanger

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The announcement made in the "London Gazette" to-day of awards given to Air Force officers who participated in the attacks on the Stavanger aerodrome and seaplane base in April.

A bar to the D.S.O. was given to Wing-Commander Basil Edward Emery who took part in two successful attacks by a squadron of 12 planes.

In the first attack one of his engines failed before he reached the objective and in the second attack he suffered frost bite.

#### He Got Through

Flying Officer William Henry Edmondson was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He piloted one of 12 planes and reached and attacked the target despite a heavy snow storm and heavy anti-aircraft fire.

When returning he attacked and hit a Dornier seaplane. The following day he piloted one of six aircraft which went to attack Stavanger aerodrome and seaplane base.

The weather was so bad that five of the aircraft were compelled to abandon the task but Flying Officer Edmondson got through and attacked the objective. He also obtained valuable information.

A Distinguished Flying Cross has also been awarded to Flight-Lt. Peter Woodbridge Townsend who shot down an enemy aircraft over the North Sea in April. This was his third success.

## Statement On Norway

### Premier Hopes To Speak This Week

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition, asked Mr. Chamberlain whether he would be able to make a statement on Norway.

The Prime Minister said that he desired to make a statement as soon as possible and, while not wishing to be pledged, he expected to be able to make this statement this week.

Mr. Attlee said that while they all recognised the need for care in giving information while operations were in progress, he expressed the hope that the Prime Minister would give the fullest possible information at the earliest time possible.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "That is my intention."

## U.S. STOCKS TO BE SOLD

CANBERRA, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Australian shareholders in 10 United States companies and one Canadian company have been ordered to dispose of their holdings of specified dollar stocks within six months and to lodge the net proceeds in the New York account of the Commonwealth Bank.

The transactions should realise \$5,000,000 and the owners will receive the equivalent Australian value.

## Lively Session Of Stock Exchange

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, gilt-edged stocks and Indian loans were bought on investment and support owing to the release of funds following payment for United States securities recently requisitioned by the authorities.

Elsewhere movements were irregular, but gold-minings were finally brighter on stronger support.

## Italian Cabinet Meets To-day

ROME, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini will preside over the Cabinet on May 1.

It is announced that the Cabinet henceforth will assemble on the first day of each month.

Political circles believe that tomorrow's meeting will deal with negotiations between Britain and Russia, Yugoslavia and the Balkans and trade talks between Britain and Italy.

## SWEDISH BAN ON FOREIGNERS

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In a radio broadcast to-day a decree was announced that further districts in Sweden were closed to foreigners. The ban extends to the island of Gotland and certain parts of Stockholm province, Gothenburg province except Gothenburg town, and the district of Jamtland province which is opposite the Norwegian town of Trondheim.

## Local Activity On Western Front

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that there has been local activity of contact units.

Our patrols took some prisoners, continued the communiqué.

Two local attacks were made by enemy detachments but were repulsed.

## BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS LAND NEAR TRONDHEIM

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Molde Fjord and Sundal Fjord, near Trondheim.

From these two fjords there are good motor roads to the Gudbrands Valley which lead to two small villages north and south of Dombås. Other reports speak of reinforcements being landed at Namsos, which is north of Trondheim.

There is no important change in the position in the Allied and German positions just north of Steinkjer.

#### Patrols Active

A communiqué issued from this sector on Monday night spoke of patrol activity.

Enemy patrols were repulsed with losses and several prisoners were taken.

A British raiding party ambushed a German detachment and took several prisoners.

Some of the reinforcements in the Namsos sector include crack ski troops.

Messages from Stockholm say that in this sector the Allies have strong positions with ski troops protecting the east flank as far as the Swedish border.

#### Nazi Claim Doubted

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Yesterday the German High Command claimed that the Nazi forces moving south from Trondheim had linked up with similar forces coming up from Oslo.

London sources however point out that so far this has not yet been confirmed.

Reports from the Swedish border throw a somewhat different light on the subject.

In the first place this linking of communications, if true, has not been by way of either of the main valleys between Oslo and Trondheim. These two valleys are the Gudbrands and Oster Valleys.

A small force has already been reported to have left the Oster Valley to try and cross the heights. They have come out somewhere between Dombås and Støren. But it is said that this force has met with Norwegian resistance in the hills.

#### Still Held By Allies

According to the latest and apparently authentic reports both Støren and Dombås, as well as Hjerkin, are in Allied hands.

Even if confirmed the German claim is not as important as it might seem at first.

The heads of both main valleys from Oslo are apparently still held by the Allies.

A daring drive by one armoured column across the hills would not of itself be big news.

In the Oster Valley the Germans captured Roeros on Monday and got to work on the broken bridges north of the town.

Messages from Stockholm yesterday said that this repair work had been interrupted.

The Norwegian troops have been reinforced while it is said that German reinforcements have been diverted in the Gudbrands Valley.

#### But Hitler Believes It

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Hitler has sent an Order of the Day to German units in Norway stating that German troops have established connection by land between Oslo and Trondheim.

Thus the Western Powers' intention of leaving Germany to her knees by a belated occupation of Norway has been finally crushed.

"You have accomplished the mighty task which I had to impose on you. I am proud of you. As the highest mark of my gratitude, I award to General von Falkenhorst the Knight's Insignia of the Iron Cross."

#### Armies In Contact

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The latest German claims hitherto are not confirmed by independent Swedish despatches, but it is known that contact between the Allies and Germans has been made at various points along the Dombås-Støren Railway.

Reports reaching here state that the Allies are strongly reinforcing troops along the railway, and south of Dombås these reinforcements were brought from fresh landing places between Trondheim and Bergen.

Fighting was reported early to-day at Hjerkin, where a German mechanised detachment has come down from the mountains after pushing across a difficult snowbound road.

A second detachment, which left Tynset, is reported to be still held by Norwegian troops at Kvikne, 15 miles from the railway.

It is noted here that the German troops which are claimed by the German High Command to have made contact near Stopen with the forces from Trondheim are these troops.

#### On Steinkjer Front

On the Steinkjer front, German troops, without awaiting reinforcements from the south, made violent surprise attacks against the French and Norwegian lines on both sides of Lake Snann, according to a statement by Norwegian Headquarters to the correspondent of the "Allied Press."

These onslaughts, supported by heavy artillery and planes, were driven back after severe fighting in which the Norwegians announced heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans.

The reason for the sudden German attacks is believed to be the advent of warmer weather, which will soon make the roads very difficult for mechanised troops. The roads are turning into slush while loosening ice on the streams threaten floods.

#### MILAN, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—

The celebrated operatic dancer, Rosina Galli, has died, aged 40.

## Half Germany In Depths Of Despair

NEW YORK, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A stirring of feeling among the German people is reported by Mr. William Russell, of the United States Embassy in Berlin.

Mr. Russell returned recently to the United States.

Although 50 per cent. of the people were happier since the invasion of Norway and Denmark, he said, the other 50 per cent. were in the depths of despair.

Not many Germans think that they will win the war.

## Tributes To Gallant Men Allied Encircling Plan Complete

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Tributes to the gallantry of the Expeditionary Force in Norway were paid by the British Press yesterday.

The "Yorkshire Post" condemns irresponsible criticism of the campaign and says that one must consider what is being done in the light of the great difficulties involved.

The paper praises the heroic work of the Allied troops who are gravely handicapped by the Nazi advantage in the air.

#### Even Nazis Paid Tribute

The "Daily Mail" comments that a German communiqué on Monday had to pay tribute to the stubborn resistance of our forces.

"The Times" says that the local superiority which the Germans have so far had in the air does not justify the exaggerated claims put forward by Berlin.

For instance, the German air force failed to prevent the landing of Allied troops. But, continues the paper, it is now highly necessary to overcome this superiority.

#### HOSPITAL SHIP BOMBED

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couraged. As soon as the ship is repaired they will get to work again.

#### Ruthless Bombing Confirmed

NORWAY, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A Norwegian telegraph agency, replying to a German radio statement regarding the bombing of the Norwegian hospital ship Brand IV, says that the Foreign Office has confirmed all reports of "the ruthless bombing."

The agency says that the reports have also been confirmed by the Mayor at Alesund where the hospital ship has arrived with dead and injured passengers.

An inquiry will be held at Alesund to-day.

The agency declares that the bombing was witnessed by many persons and pictures were taken which will prove the correctness of the accounts.

#### Norway Indignant

It says that the reports are also confirmed by an official statement sent to the Norwegian Government by the organiser of sea transport for the wounded in the district.

The organiser is Professor Kreyberg who is internationally known as a cancer specialist. His name alone would be sufficient to guarantee the correctness of these reports.

The agency adds that the bombing has caused great indignation throughout Norway.

## HIRED MERCHANT VESSELS

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—An agreement on the tariff hire of requisitioned merchant vessels has been reached, according to a statement by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Shipping, in the House of Commons to-day.

Under an agreement with representatives of deep sea tramp owners, a scale of rates has been fixed, based on six shillings per deadweight ton per month for steam vessels of 8,000 tons deadweight and above from March 1.

The corresponding rate for the previous period since the beginning of requisitioning was 5s. 6d.

## HITLER WILL KEEP QUIET No May Day Harangue This Year

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—For the first time since he came to power, Hitler will not make a speech to celebrate Labour Day.

The only speech scheduled for May 1 is by Rudolf Hess, Deputy Fuehrer, to members of the Krupp Works at Essen.

The speech is not expected to contain any sensations.

## MUSLIM LEAGUE PLAN

New Delhi, Apr. 30. A resolution characterising the Muslim League's partition scheme as impracticable and harmful to the country's interests generally, and to Muslims particularly, has been unanimously passed by the All-India Independent Muslim conference.

The conference also passed a resolution demanding a constituent assembly on the lines demanded by Congress in which the Muslim members should determine safeguards for protecting the rights and interests of Muslims.—Reuter.

## ANGLO-EIRE TRADE TALK

Mr. Edon Presides At First Meeting

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Edon presided at the first meeting of British and Irish Ministers who are discussing the trade question.

The British Ministers present at the meeting included Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply; Sir Reginald Dornman-Smith, Minister of Agriculture; Lord Woolton, Minister of Food; and Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Shipping.

The first meeting was in the nature of a general discussion and further discussion will be held during the next few days.

## Saturday Shoot At Stonecutters

TWENTY-EIGHT MEMBERS attended the shoot at Stonecutters on Saturday last. Conditions were quite good at 200 and 600 yards, but the light proved very bad at 600 yards.

A. C. Chinn, H.K.P.R., won the net spoon for the aperture sight class with a score of 97. The net spoon for the Open Sights was won by L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios, H.K.V.D.C., who scored 90.

Leading scores on Saturday were:

	200	600	Total
Sgt. J. A. Chinn	33	32	65
Sgt. R. J. Heap	29	33	62
Mr. J. A. Guard	31	32	63
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	29	34	63
Sgt. R. J. Heap	32	31	63
Sub/Lt. G. J. P. Carey	31	32	63
Mr. W. J. P. Carey	31	32	63
Mr. J. G. Biles	30	33	63
Cadet J. C. Eager	32	31	63
Mr. H. J. S. Blake	30	33	63
Mr. C. C. Thorne	28	35	63
Cpl. F. Cole	31	32	63
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios	32	58	90
Sgt. M. F. Rushman	27	31	58
Mr. J. A. Chinn	27	31	58
L/Cpl. J. M. X. X. X.	27	31	58
Mr. S. G. G. G.	27	31	58
P.C. N. C. Young	27	31	58
Sgt. N. C. Ferreira	27	31	58
Pte. A. M. Xavier	30	29	59
Mr. H. J. Jones	29	30	59
(N) Winner of Net Spoon, Winner of (N) or (H) will have his handicap reduced by one point.			

#### APERTURE SIGHTS

	200	600	Total
Sgt. J. A. Chinn	33	32	65
Sgt. R. J. Heap	29	33	62
Mr. J. A. Guard	31	32	63
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	29	34	63
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#### OPEN SIGHTS

	200	600	Total
Sgt. J. A. Chinn	33	32	65
Sgt. R. J. Heap	29	33	62
Mr. J. A. Guard	31	32	63
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	29	34	63
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Pte. A. M. Xavier	30	29	59
Mr. H. J. Jones	29	30	59
(N) Winner of Net Spoon, Winner of (N) or (H) will have his handicap reduced by one point.			

#### WINNER OF NET SPOON

Winner of Handicap Spoon, Winner of (N) or (H) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

#### This Month's Programme

The programme for May at the Kowloon City ranges is as follows: To-day, Spoon and practice shoots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

May 8.—Spoon and practice shoots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

May 15.—Spoon and practice shoots at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

May 22.—Programme to be announced later by the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

## 12TH. HEAVY REGT. WIN ARMY SPORTS

GATHERING 136 POINTS, 12th. Heavy Regt. won the championship of the Hongkong Army Athletic meeting, the finals of which were held at the Polo Ground, Kowloon, yesterday.

Second place was taken by 8th. Heavy Regt., and third by the Middlesex Regiment.

Mrs. A. E. Grasett, wife of Major-General A. E. Grasett, presented the prizes.

Results: Putting the Discus—Middlesex. Putting the Weight—H.K.S.I.A. Throwing the Hammer—Royal Scots. Throwing the Javelin—Royal Scots. High Jump—1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 2nd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 3rd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 4th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 5th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 6th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 7th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 8th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 9th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 10th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 11th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 12th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 13th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 14th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 15th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 16th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 17th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 18th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 19th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 20th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 21st. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 22nd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 23rd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 24th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 25th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 26th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 27th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 28th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 29th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 30th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 31st. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 32nd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 33rd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 34th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 35th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 36th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 37th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 38th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 39th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 40th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 41st. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 42nd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 43rd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 44th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 45th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 46th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 47th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 48th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 49th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 50th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 51st. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 52nd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 53rd. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 54th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 55th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and 8th. Heavy Regt. 56th. 1st. 5th A. Regt., and



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## Sam Snead Nominated The "Coming" Golfer

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(By "Birdie")

IT CAN ONLY BE DONE when the Course is empty, or nearly empty. But playing the course backwards or haphazardly provide endless interest and enjoyment. Long holes—really long holes—can be had for the making, and short holes—really short holes—are designed with equal facility.

Very few people were able to go out to the Country Club, Sheungshui, last week-end, and there were only about a dozen players on the nine-hole course. A foursome in the afternoon set out on this experiment, and a really very enjoyable 18 holes were played.

The longest possible hole was from the 6th tee to the 8th green, and it measured, I should think, a little over 600 yards. The shortest was from the 8th tee to the 7th green—about 40 yards. It would take a mathematician with permutations and combinations to work out all the possible variations to a course—I think it runs into hundreds.

One of the most interesting holes on Sunday was from the 7th tee to the 3rd green, cutting across the 6th fairway (that is why the course has to be empty). The player with the honour had the nomination of the next hole, but in going first he gave away information to the others by the number of the club and the place where he landed. In the selection of this hole—comparatively short—the accepted lay-out of a hole was reversed. There was no rough ground to penalise a duffed tee shot—but there was very broken country to trip the one who failed to pitch on the green.

There is an endless variety to be got out of playing a course in this manner—and in its playing, some excellent ideas are to be had for future alterations.

GENE Sarazen, America's nomination as the outstanding golfer of the past decade, has joined with Bert Montrosser in voicing the opinion that Sam Snead is the man of the future—and not so far off. Montrosser has a nation wide reputation in America for being able to spot a golfer's troubles at a glance, and to him have gone several of the professionals for hints.

"He hasn't reached his peak yet," said Sarazen, "but when that man starts to win he's not going to win by only two strokes, but by ten." "Snead is a you man," says Montrosser, "Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen, Walter Hagen and some of the

other boys were top men during their time, but Sam is over them all. He'll be first in the field for at least ten years."

Everyone doesn't know it, but Sam hasn't been able to play his best game for two years. When he's ready he'll tear the course apart, and turn in scores that will make them look like miniature set-ups."

According to Montrosser, Snead's success lies in his perfect balance. In making his swing he does so with an arm that is at least a foot longer than does anyone else. Consequently he has made himself the most consistent long driver the world has ever known.

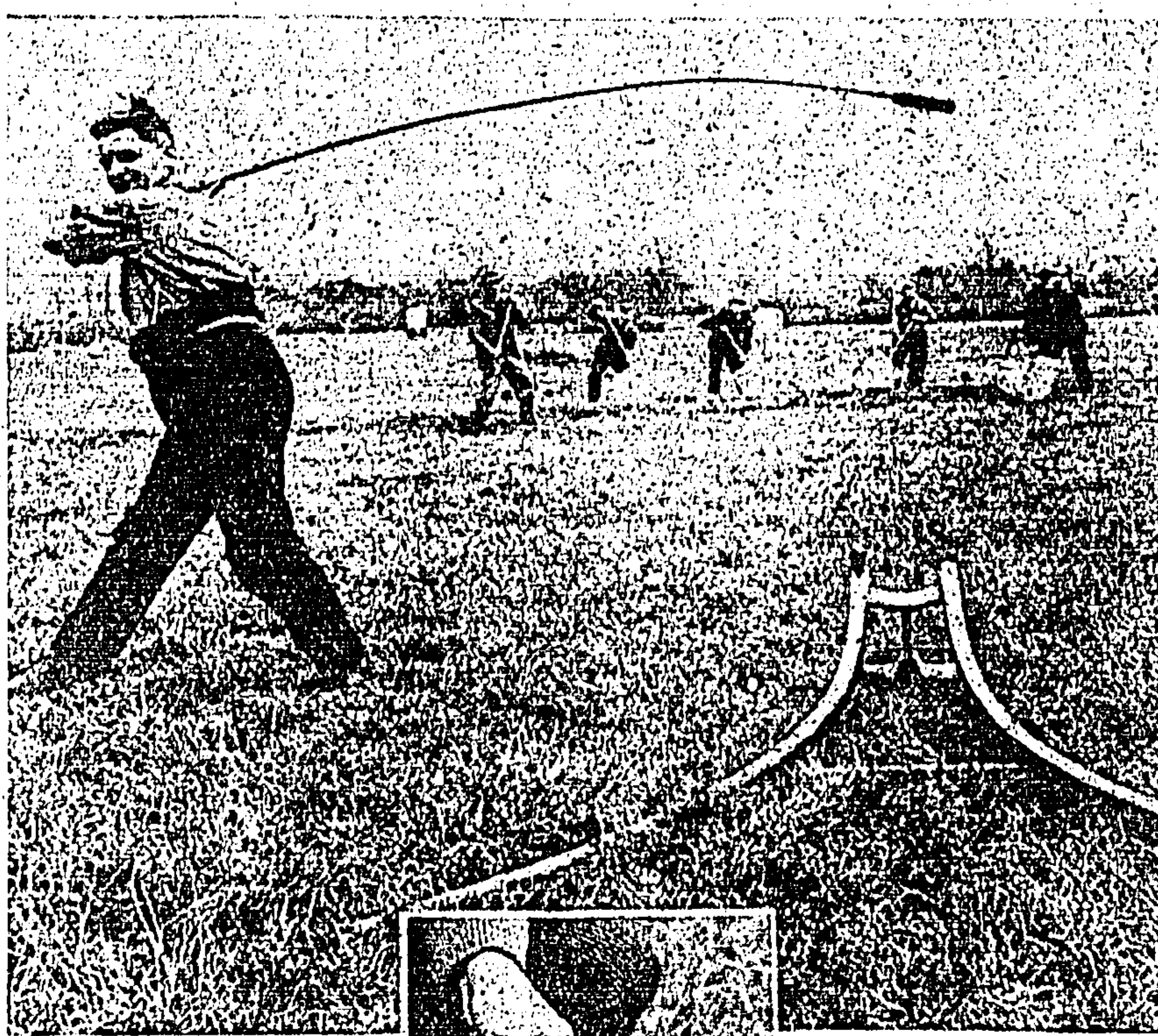
Though Jimmy Thomson will hit three woods, and make golfing history with one of them, the other two shots will shoot off into the trees. Snead will do the same thing, and though he may not match Thomson's best drive, his average will be far better—straight and anything between 280 to 350 yards down the fairway, depending on the state of the turf.

"One time we were playing a tournament out in Chicago," went on Montrosser. "We started out in threesomes. I was to do the No. 4 course with two other boys, while Snead and a pair toured No. 1. I must have been on my game that day, because I came in with a 70. It made me feel pretty good. Thought I must have broken a record. But a few minutes later Snead walked in with a 64."

"When that boy finally gets to the point where he can play his best game, nobody will ever beat him. Wait and see. He's by far the greatest golfing machine the world has yet seen."

THE Swiss had a word for the ancient game shown in the picture. It was hornuss—or in English, hornet. It is a combination of golf and baseball, and the name comes from the buzzing sound made by the hornuss through the air. It is

## GOLF CUM-BASEBALL IN SWITZERLAND



Swinging into action. The outfield are playing close in for the benefit of the photographer. A sturdy Swiss about to send the hornuss on a 300-yard drive.

about 2½ inches in diameter and one inch thick, and though previously made of wood is now made of leather.

The "puck" is fed up on a rail about a foot from the ground, and is struck by a ten-foot ash pole. Three hundred yard drives are recorded, and the object of the fielders (armed with their peculiarly shaped bats) is to stop it, and in doing so save a point.

If the batter hits the hornuss three times out of bounds, he is "struck out" as in baseball.

The hornuss game is generally played in the early autumn when Switzerland's fields have been cut for the last time.

Antedating baseball and golf, the two sports that it most closely resembles, the game has grown in popularity since the beginning of the nineteenth century until in 1902 a special league was formed.

The traditional home of the ancient game is Emmmental, in the Bernese district, where it has been played for centuries past.



A close-up (left) of the hornuss being placed in position on the driving platform. It appears to have two grooves—one for a left handed batter.

## M. PAGH WINS CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

B. C. Fay Defeated By  
Three Sets To One

M. PAGH GAINED the Hong-kong Cricket Club Singles Tennis Championship yesterday beating B. C. Fay by 9-7, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 in the final. Pagh showed a far better control over his shots than did his opponent, and very deservedly took the title.

Fay's strongest point was his service, but in all other departments showed an erratic failing. He chose

## Open Tennis Singles Final To-day

The final of the Colony Open Tennis Singles Championship between Tsui Wai-pui, holder, and S. A. Rumjahn will take place this afternoon at the Hongkong Cricket Club Stand Court, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

the baseline game, and by so doing undoubtedly lost a number of points that he might conceivably have gained had he stormed the net following service.

There was a keen struggle for the first set, Fay had every opportunity of winning. He broke through at the tenth game, and in the succeeding game had two set points but failed with both. Pagh went into the lead, and eventually won the set at 9-7.

## QUICK SETS

PAGH outplayed his opponent in the second set to win easily by 6-1, but in the third set he either relaxed or lost touch for Fay took the set with a similar score.

The eventual winner took over control again in the fourth set, and though Fay was limping, apparently with an injured foot, Pagh was a worthy winner. Fay strove hard with his handicap, but even had his foot been well it is doubtful whether he could have won the match.

## LARGE UNITS HOCKEY FINAL

THE FINAL of the Large Units Hockey Tournament will take place to-morrow at Soekunpo between the H.K.B.A. and the Kowloon Rifles. Bully-off will be at 4.30 p.m.

## COLONY ATHLETIC MEET TO-MORROW

### South China Athletic Association Sponsors

ATHLETES IN THE COLONY should be looking forward to Thursday, when the All-Schools and Colony athletic meet will be held under the auspices of the South China Athletic Association, at Caroline Hill.

The meet will be run on three successive days, May 2, 3 and 4. The proceeds will be donated to War Relief funds.

Contests commence to-morrow, Thursday, at 9 a.m., when the competing schools will parade on the ground.

On the three days, school events will start at 10.30 a.m. after which events open to the Colony will be run.

Although not very many entries have been received, it has been decided to include a number of open events for women.

## TWENTY-ONE OPEN EVENTS

THERE ARE 21 open contests, but

owing to scarcity of entries only two necessitate heats—the 110 metres hurdles and 100 metres. Following are the open events and dates:

May 2—110 Metres Hurdles (heats), 100 Metres (heats), 400 Metres, 1100 Yards, Discus Throw, 1,000 Metres Relay, 200 Metres Relay (women).

May 3—200 Metres Hurdles, 100 Metres (finals), 400 Metres, Pole Vault, Shot Put, 100 Metres (women), Throwing the Baseball (women).

May 4—100 Metres Hurdles (finals), 200 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Broad Jump, Javelin Throw, 400 Metres Relay, 50 Metres (women), Broad Jump (women), 400 Metres Relay (women).

## RACES AT NEWMARKET

LONDON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The first Spring two-year-old Stakes was won to-day by Luminary carrying 8 stone 9 lbs. Lord Derby's Estuary (8 st. 3 lbs.) was second, and Mrs. Arthur James's Counter-scarp (8 st. 9 lbs.) was third.

Five runs. The odds respectively were 4/1, 100/30 and 20/1. Distances were a short head and a short head.

## Junior Cricket League Play-off

THE PLAY-OFF for the Junior Cricket League Championship between the Indian Recreation Club and the Police R.C. will take place on the former's ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.

A neutral ground was unavailable.

## Bowls Fixture Re-arranged

In view of the above match, the Third Division Lawn Bowls fixture between the Indian R.C. and the Kowloon F.C. will now take place on the latter's rink.

## Recreio

### Bowls Rinks For Saturday

The following rinks have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio in their opening Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday:

"A" v. Craigengower (home).—L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves.

L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Soares.

"B" v. Hongkong F.C. (home).—C. C. Pereira, D. C. S. Alves, A. P. Gutierrez and B. Basto.

F. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto.

C. F. Vas, J. C. Remedios, C. Roza Pereira and J. E. Noronha.

Second Division v. Hongkong C.C. (away).—M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues and O. P. Pereira.

J. C. M. S. Alves and P. Yvanovich. F. A. Xavier, A. P. Pereira Jr., E. M. Remedios and E. Sousa.

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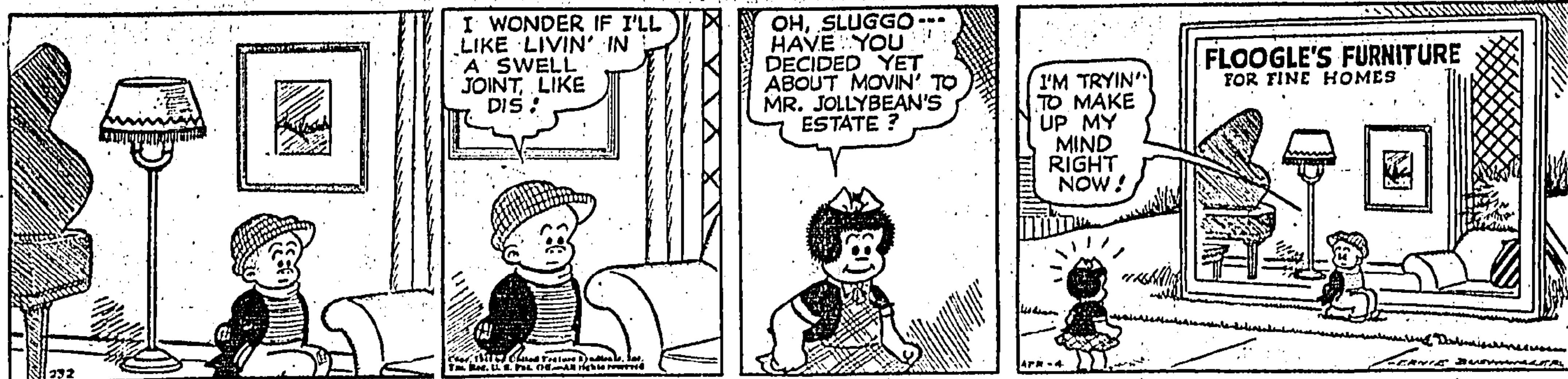
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By Ernie Bushmiller

WITH THE DIGGERS IN PALESTINE



AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN PALESTINE.—Men having the first meal on land after disembarkation in Palestine.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE RESERVISTS

**CANBERRA.**—Those who suggested that the outbreak of war would result in an exodus of population from Canberra are being proved wrong in a manner which threatens to embarrass the Federal Government. The city is in the grip of a matrimonial epidemic. Announcements of engagements and marriages in the last seven months have broken all records, even in a city in which the marriage rate was already high. The Federal Government agrees that it is to see the young people settling down, but satisfaction is tempered by dismay at the likelihood of the necessity for an early drive to attract typists to the public service to fill the vacancies. It may soon be necessary to bring girls from Melbourne and Sydney for this purpose. Moreover, the quiet of weddings is accentuating the housing shortage, and those who look ahead foresee the necessity for bigger buildings for the baby boom centre and more wards at the hospitals.

BOOKMAKER'S DEATH

**BRISBANE.**—Worry over cancellation of his bookmaking licence by the Queensland Turf Club Committee is believed to have been responsible for the death of James Henry Duley, aged 70, of Woolloongabai, whose body was found in long grass at Albion.

Evidence to this effect was given by Constable A. V. Kirkwood at the inquest, when it was stated Duley died by a fall from a bush in the left wrist, believed to have been self-inflicted with a pocket knife. Constable Kirkwood said Duley appeared before the Licensing Committee of the Queensland Turf Club, when an inquiry into his finances was held. To be allowed to field on the flat at metropolitan race-courses, a bookmaker required to have £150. Duley had not that amount and before being allowed to field he had to produce his money to the successful detective.

CANTEEN QUESTION

**MELBOURNE.**—The men at Torquay military camp drank 7,500 bottles of milk a day on the first five days after the milk bar opened at the camp, and it was reported at the Methodist Conference the installation of milk bars in Victorian camps has cost £300. The conference at a certain camp favoured commending the Federal Government for their decision in favour of "dry" canteens and urged all necessary action to ensure that the camps remained dry.

The Rev. G. A. Jenkins said the conference was disturbed at a report that all the padres at a certain camp favoured "wet" canteens. The only padres in that camp at the time were two Roman Catholics, two Anglicans, and one representative of the Baptist and Congregational Churches. The action of the laymen had been repudiated by the leaders of his churches.

**EN ZEDS FOR GENEVA.**—AUCKLAND (N.Z.).—The New Zealand Government will send a full de-

Stalin Couldn't Wage a Big War Without Defeat—TROTSKY

STUDENT  
(1913)  
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(1914-18)  
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(1919-1939)  
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(1940)

THE FIRST R.A.F. flying doctor since the war began has just gained his wings. He is senior medical officer at a fighter command stationed in the south of England. A South African, he fought in the last war as an infantryman in German East Africa.

After the war he studied medicine in England, and built up a successful practice. Then he took up flying, and got his "A" licence at a mid-lands flying club.

He bought his own machine, and with his family, did more than 200 hours' flying over Britain, Germany, France and Belgium.

Before the war, R.A.F. medical officers were given flying lessons, and more than 20 per cent. passed pilots' tests. Now, wartime pressure, training schools has cut down their opportunities.

**M.F.H. Resigns**  
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For the seventh time in five years the Fernie Hunt, in Leicestershire, is without a master. Mr. Reggie Wright, forty-two-year-old sportsman, has resigned after thirteen months, and it is thought unlikely that any one will be found to take his place.

The hunt costs the master about £7,500 a year. The Fernie country is the most expensive in England. Now a committee will probably run the hunt. It was said last night that big economies are being made.

Gardener Garage-Man In R.A.F. Honours

A FORMER GARDENER and garage worker are in the latest list of R.A.F. men decorated for "gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations."

It was announced that the King has approved the following awards:  
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**A.F.C.**  
Flying-Officer Andrew Hood, McLaren.

**D.F.M.**  
Flight-Sergt. Bernard Maurice Dunsford.  
Sergt. Arthur Terence Maudsley.  
Sergt. Anthony Paul Reen.  
One of the decorated men had to return to a strange aerodrome in darkness after a reconnaissance flight to the Norwegian coast. He flew blind from Norway. On another occasion, when his plane crashed, his prompt action saved many lives from the danger of burning bombs.

**STARTED IN R.A.M.C.**  
Wing-Commander Cahill, aged 43, was born at Bristol. During the last war he was a private in the R.A.M.C., a gunner in the R.F.A., and a lieutenant in the R.A.F. In the 1939 New Year honours he was awarded the A.F.C. for excellent work at the R.A.F. experimental station at Felixstowe.

TRUTH ABOUT RED ARMY

AFTER HIS WAR of aggression in little Finland, what will Josef Stalin, Dictator of Russia, do next? Scandinavia waits anxiously.

Here, Leon Trotsky, who knows so well the inner workings of Stalin's mind and Soviet diplomacy, answers the question with another: What can Stalin do next?

"The Soviet Union could not win a major war," he says.

By LEON TROTSKY

CAN WE EXPECT that the Soviet Union would come out of a great war without defeat? To this frankly posed question I will answer as frankly:

"If the war should remain only a war the defeat of the Soviet Union would be inevitable.

"In a technical, economic, and military sense imperialism is incomparably more strong. If it is not paralysed by revolution in the west, imperialism will sweep away the present Soviet regime."

To enumerate in advance all the factors of the coming dog-fight of the nations would be a hopeless task. In the bloody equation of war, there are too many unknown quantities. There are on the side of the Soviet Union immense favourable factors, both inherited from the past and created by the new regime. The experience of intervention during the civil war proved once more that Russia's greatest advantage has been and remains her vast spaces.

**Unlimited Man-Power.**  
**Of The Soviet**

Russia's second great advantage is her human reservoir. Having grown almost three million per year, the population of the Soviet Union has apparently now passed 170 million. A single recruiting class comprises about 1,300,000 men.

The strictest sorting, both physical and political, would throw out not more than 400,000. The reserves, therefore, which may be theoretically estimated at 18 million to 20 million, are practically unlimited.

But Nature and man are only the raw materials of war. The so-called military "potential" depends primarily upon the economic strength of the State. In this sphere the advantages of the Soviet Union by comparison with the old Russia are enormous.

Nevertheless the Soviet Union still remains a backward country. The mobilisation plans of the Red Army call for thirty to forty-five tanks per kilometre (2½ths of a mile) of the active front. As a result of the Great War the navy was reduced from 548,000 tons in 1917 to 82,000 in 1928.

**Mighty Air Fleet**  
**—In Numbers**

In January 1938 Tukhachevsky announced: "We are creating a powerful navy. We are concentrating our forces primarily upon the development of a submarine fleet." Still, the navy can pretend only to an auxiliary role in the defence of the coastal front.

But the air fleet has advanced mightily. The Red Army is producing in increasing numbers heavy bombers for long range action.

According to data appearing in the Press, the five-year plan of the Red Army for 1935 contemplated sixty-two air regiments capable of bringing simultaneously 5,000 aeroplanes into the line of fire.

Aviation is closely bound up with a branch of industry, almost nonexistent in Tsarist Russia, but lately advancing by leaps and bounds—chemistry. It is no secret that the Soviet Government does not believe for a second in the oft-repeated "prohibition" of the use of poison gas. We may assume that against any catastrophic surprises whatever in it.

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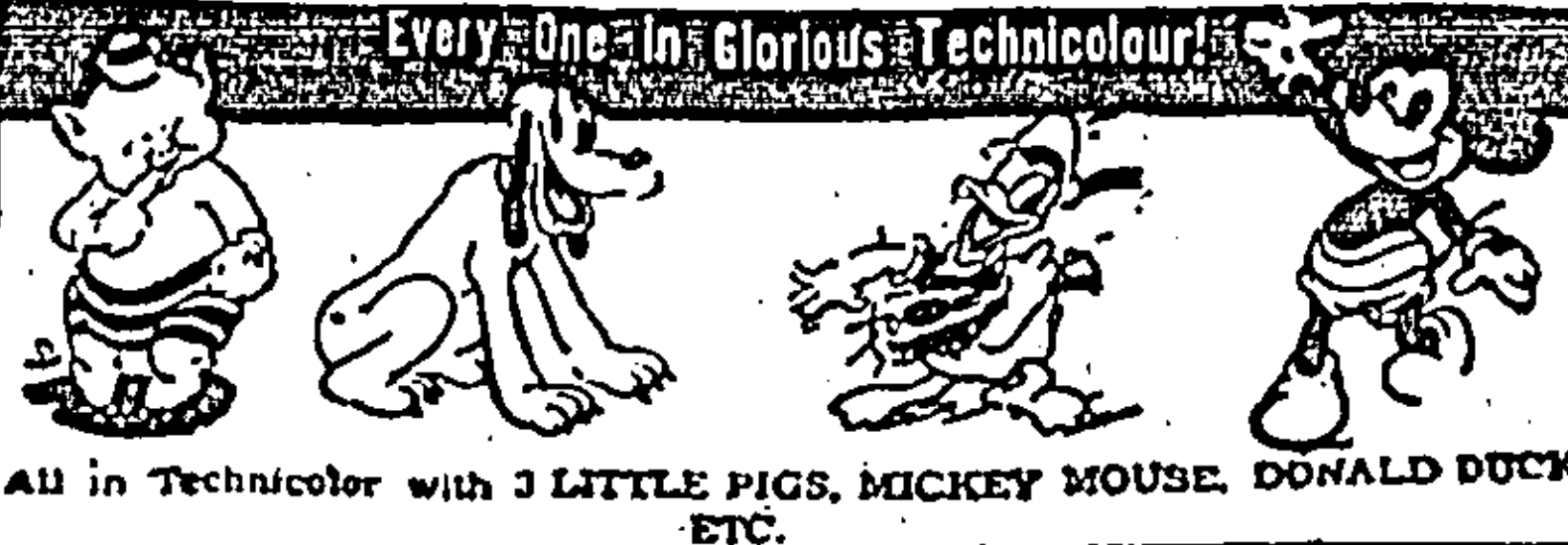
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## Women Who Put Winter Sports Before Having Babies

### Unbelievable Scenes In Our Consulting Rooms, Says Lord Horder

WHEN women who put going to winter sports before having children go to see their doctors "some of the scenes in our consulting rooms are unbelievable," said Lord Horder, the King's physician, recently.

He was speaking to the Eugenic Society, in London, after Mrs. Dorothy Thurtle, who was the minority of one on the inter-departmental committee on abortion, had said:

"A woman who wants to go winter sporting, or who finds that a pregnancy would interfere with her activities during the season, has no difficulty in persuading certain medical men to perform a suitable operation at a price."

She added: "The working woman, on the other hand, whose condition might call for such an operation, has the greatest difficulty in getting it."

#### Each Case Treated On Its Merits

Lord Horder told the meeting: "I am familiar with those ladies who want to go to Switzerland for winter sports."

"Speaking for myself and for my fellow-practitioners in medicine, I must say that each case is treated on its merits."

"The reasons which are adduced by women are so numerous and so varied that they spoil their cases before they finish."

"The Bourne case made it perfectly clear, and case law has it that a doctor has a free hand to consider other aspects than the mere question whether a pregnant woman will die if she is not given the facility of abortion."

"It has been laid down that the doctor may take into account not merely the question of life and death in deciding whether he shall relieve a woman of her pregnancy."

#### Doctors Put In The Pillory

"But we do ask for cover because every now and then, as in the Bourne case, a doctor gets pilloried, and maybe mutilated, and so much depends upon whether he has a judge who really knows what the position is, and whether he has colleagues who will come forward and waste a day or two to give him support."

"It would be good if we could not get these archaic laws off the Statute book so that we could have really a free hand to carry out what the case law gives us permission to do, what is really in the patient's interest and what, I understand, public opinion would welcome."

[Mr. Alec William Bourne, an eminent gynaecologist and obstetrician, was charged at the Old Bailey yesterday with committing a breach of Defence Regulations. He was alleged to have had in his possession two note-books containing English and Chinese characters which could be utilized for secretly conveying, receiving or recording information, contrary to the Regulations. He was remanded for a week, on bail of \$200.]

### "CODE" ALLEGATION Chinese Charged Under Defence Regulations

Maik King-wan, 51, Stock Exchange broker, was charged before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday with committing a breach of Defence Regulations.

He was alleged to have had in his possession two note-books containing English and Chinese characters which could be utilized for secretly conveying, receiving or recording information, contrary to the Regulations.

He was remanded for a week, on bail of \$200.

### LATE NEWS

### Saved Nine, Gets First Lifeboat V.C. of the War

COXSAIN ROBERT CROSS, of the Humber, has won the first lifeboat V.C. of this war. He has been awarded the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's gold medal for conspicuous gallantry—the rescue on February 12 of nine men of the Grimsby trawler St. Gurth.

The St. Gurth went ashore in a gale and seas were breaking right over her; it was pitch dark and snowing heavily.

The lifeboat's crew was two short owing to illness, their vessel was damaged and one of the propellers was fouled by a rope and stopped.

Heavy seas continually knocked the men down, and the motor mechanic, standing at his engine controls in the cockpit, was just able to keep his chin above water.

Humber lifeboat has rescued 180 lives since the outbreak of war, and in these six months Coxswain Cross has also won the Institution's Silver Medal, its thanks on vellum and a job although I admit it was pretty special letter of thanks. He is holder

of three Silver Medals and the Bronze Medal.

Thirty-four years ago he joined the permanent staff of the Lifeboat Institution and he and his bride went to live at the isolated station on Spurn Point, where they still are.

#### They Don't Feel Lonely

The little community at Spurn is miles from the nearest village. "We don't feel the loneliness," Coxswain Cross said. "We take our regular watches night and day, and now and again I have a day's outing in Hull."

Of the feat which has earned him the "V.C." of lifeboatmen, he would say: "It was just part of our Medal, its thanks on vellum and a job although I admit it was pretty special letter of thanks. He is holder

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## Hospital Ship Bombed

Brutal Warfare By  
Nazi Planes

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A Norwegian telegraph agency reports the bombing of two Norwegian hospital ships by Nazi planes, north of Bergen.

On one ship, five people including a doctor were killed when a bomb struck the vessel. Many others were wounded whilst the others suffered no casualties.

The larger ship had just landed 90 wounded. The chief doctor says that there were about 30 people on board his ship. They had been on their course for about an hour when five German planes came towards them and dropped bombs without success.

### Three Attacks Made

The German planes could not have failed to see the large red crosses on the ship which was painted white in the usual manner.

However, the Germans returned and dropped more bombs.

The ship kept to its course. The bombers returned for a third time at a very low height. This time a bomb hit the ship.

Every bit of glass on board was smashed. Two men on either side of the chief doctor were killed outright while many were wounded.

### Ship Runs Aground

The ship ran aground. Escaping ashore everyone covered behind rocks for over an hour while the Germans machine gunned them.

They kept calm. The doctor reveals that a wounded German officer in a Norwegian hospital had himself confirmed with the German authorities by telegram that both ships were being used for red cross work only.

Any German allegation to the contrary, therefore, can be refuted by one of Germany's own officers who knows from his own experience that the Norwegian Red Cross makes no distinction between a wounded German and a wounded Norwegian.

The Red Cross party is not displeased. Turn To Page 2.

## SCUTTLE FROM S. NORWAY

Remarkable Speech By  
Liberal Leader

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, made a speech in Edinburgh to-day. He declared that unless the Government decided on a vigorous and determined action in Norway the neutrals would rush to climb on the German bandwagon.

He stressed that we must now scuttle from south Norway and settle down at Narvik. The battles in Norway were lost in the fog of war but the British Navy won glory and the Air Force won striking successes against the more powerful German forces.

### Evacuation Justifiable

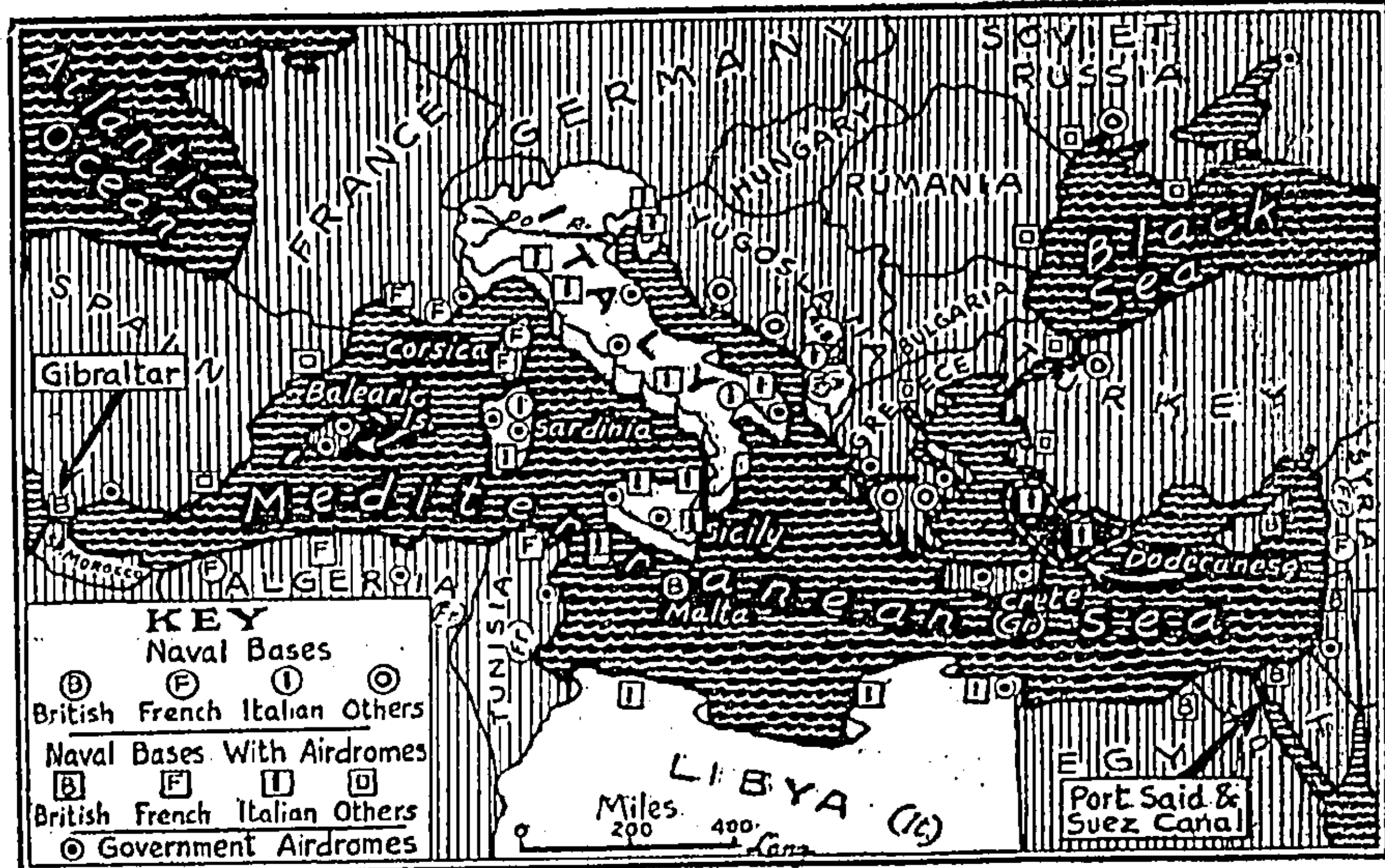
To evacuate southern Norway would only be justifiable if the military leaders thought the situation was beyond repair.

Sir Archibald appealed to the neutrals, particularly to Belgium, to face the facts.

By postponing even preparatory staff conversations till they became victims of German aggression the neutrals made it impossible for Britain to save them from invasion. Sir Archibald said that Norway never asked for our help and allowed no arrangements to be made between the staffs of the Army forces of the two countries until Germany was already in occupation of all the principal Norwegian ports and centres of mobilisation.

Regarding Belgium, Sir Archibald said that her one hope of preserving her territory was to take concerted measures with the British and French. General Staffs before any German advance was made.

# BRITISH SHIPPING DIVERTED FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN



## ITALY AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Military and naval strategy in the Mediterranean becomes a focus of interest as Britain orders shipping to divert to the Cape route.

## Allied Forces In Precarious Position TALK OF "LAST STAND" IN CENTRAL NORWAY

### GERMAN NAVAL UNITS TRAPPED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FJAEIINESS, Apr. 30 (UP).—British warships are reported to be constantly bombarding Agdens Fort at the entrance to the Trondheim Fjord, where a German force, said to be composed of three destroyers and a submarine, are trapped.

### Independent Policy

Holland Reiterates Determination

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Holland's determination to pursue an independent policy was stressed by the Prime Minister, Jonkheer de Geer, in a speech to the Knights of the Military Order of William I at The Hague to-day on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Order.

### An Oasis Of Peace

He said: "Our country threatens no one and will ally itself with no one. It wishes to be an oasis of peace amid the horrors sweeping the world, but on the borders of this oasis stand men who, in the Knights of the Military Order of William, have a shining example of what their duty will be in the hour of danger and who will not be disloyal to that example."

Meanwhile, Holland's Nazi leader, Anton Mussert, has caused a storm of protest in the Dutch papers by an interview he gave to an American radio commentator in which he is stated to have declared that in the event of an invasion of Holland by the Germans, the Dutch Nazis would not intervene on either side.

### Local Activity On Western Front

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that there has been local activity of contact units.

Our patrols took some prisoners, continues the communiqué. Two local attacks were made by enemy detachments but were repulsed.

LONDON, April 30 (UP).—Military experts are speculating on the prospects of the Allied forces making a successful "last stand" in central Norway in order to defend their positions south of Trondheim.

If they withdraw, it is assumed that they will concentrate at Narvik and Steinkjer.

The difficult terrain makes it hard to judge the German strength in Gudsbrand Valley, and Allied reinforcements might easily turn the tide of battle.

### Fierce Allied Resistance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 30 (UP).—DNB claims to-day that, in twenty days, German troops in Norway have succeeded in covering a distance equal to that between Berlin and Nuremberg (near the French frontier). The report points out the importance of effecting a junction between the Nazi forces besieged in Trondheim and those operating northwards from Oslo.

In addition to freeing the Trondheim garrison from dependence on water borne and air borne reinforcements and supplies, it is also of prime military importance because of its effect in nullifying the Allied plan to advance on Trondheim from Namsos in the south and from Dombås in the north, thus destroying the corner-stone of German operations in central Norway.

DNB admits that the resistance by the British and Norwegian forces is "fierce and stubborn."

"The English threw their regiments forward. They utilised natural advantages for defence and destroyed bridges. But our troops pushed them back inexorably while our air force destroyed their communications in the rear," the report claimed.

### Railway Still Controlled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FJAEIINESS, Apr. 30 (UP).—Despite the extravagant Nazi claims, high Norwegian authorities maintain that the Allies still control the railway between Dombås and Storlien. Allied troops, together with artillery units, are assembling along the entire railway to repel any German attack from the south.

The French forces are centred at Hjelkjen. Expert opinion indicates that, in addition to protecting themselves from the German attack, the Allies intend to launch a massive attack on Trondheim itself, thus frustrating any German attempt to contact the troops at present isolated in that city.

### Rushing Up Artillery

The Allies are reported to be unloading heavy artillery, mechanised units and other weapons of the most modern type in this sector.

Norwegian military authorities admit that a large number of German troops are still in the country.

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

## NAZIS TRAPPED AT NARVIK

Allied Encircling Plan Complete

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Allied plan to arrange a cone-shaped encirclement of the Germans in the Narvik sector has now been completed, according to the Riksgården correspondent of the "Aften Bladet."

The correspondent adds that according to reliable information, the Germans have given up their positions on the heights around Narvik and are now entrenched on the shore with machine-guns intended to prevent the landings of troops.

### Heavy Guns Silenced

The British Navy is stated to have silenced all heavier guns which the Germans possessed.

Namsos was bombed by the Germans seven times in 14 hours yesterday, according to the "Aften Bladet's" correspondent in North Trondelag. He says that the Germans aimed at landing places and adds that A.A. guns and fighter planes took toll of German bombers, but these are plentiful that the Germans apparently do not heed losses.

## BRITISH PLANE FORCED DOWN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, April 30, (UP).—A British plane was forced to land at the Evere airfield near Brussels to-day.

It lost its way in a heavy thunderstorm.

## RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS BY ITALIAN LEADERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 30 (UP).—CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING BRITISH SHIPPING WHICH WOULD NORMALLY USE THE MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE.

It is authoritatively learned that these precautions have been adopted in view of recent Italian pronouncements.

As a result, British ships normally traversing the Mediterranean have been ordered to take the Cape route.

This affects shipping to and from India and the Far East.

### DIVERSION TO CAPETOWN

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively announced that recent pronouncements by responsible Italians have necessitated the British Government taking certain precautions regarding British shipping which would normally pass through the Mediterranean.

The British Government hope that circumstances will permit the cancellation of the precautions in the near future.

### Italy And Hungary

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

No details are at present available regarding the precautions, but "Reuter" understands that they involve a diversion, to some extent, of British shipping via Cape Town instead of via Suez.

ROME, Apr. 30 (UP).—General Balbo's newspaper, "Corriere Padano," announces that "economic conversations" are taking place between Italy and Hungary.

The paper added that it foresees an Italian delegation proceeding to Budapest soon.

### Germany And Yugo-Slavia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 30 (UP).—Doctor Clodius, the German economic trade expert, arrived here this morning and had his first meeting with the Yugo-Slavian Minister of Commerce, Doctor Andros.

They discussed the difficulties of trade relations between Germany and Yugo-Slavia, especially the reduction of Yugo-Slav food exports to Germany. Also they discussed the next meeting at Belgrade on May 10 when a permanent Yugo-Slavian-German Economic Committee will be formed.

## Death Of Mrs. L. J. Churn

H.K. Resident Passes Away This Morning

The death took place at her residence, 53 Conduit Road, this morning of Mrs. Lena Johnford Churn, wife of Mr. S. M. Churn of the Union Trading Company.

In addition to Mr. Churn, four daughters, Molly, Mabel, Evelyn, and Vivienne, and two sons, Edwin and Samuel, are left to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place tomorrow, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

## Nazis Say Victory In Norway Will Aid Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 30, (UP).—In his Orders for the Day, Hitler said to-day: "The inexorable advance of the German troops in Norway to-day established land connections between Oslo and Trondheim."

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" in an editorial, says: "Our victory will be an advantage to Japan."

"The unwritten division of oceans between the United States and Britain will be badly undermined by a British defeat in Norway."

"A German victory will divert America from the policy of keeping a tight rein on Japan."

"The paper claims that the United States has a secret agreement with Britain to protect Singapore and Australia."



## Princess Juliana's Birthday

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, April 30 (UP).

Safely behind many strong lines of defence, a fully-prepared inundation system and a coastline manned by half a million troops, people throughout the Netherlands to-day celebrated the 31st birthday of the Crown Princess, Princess Juliana.

All the schools had holidays, and the majority of the people are voluntarily observing a day of mourning and wearing orange-coloured bouquets.

Princess Juliana's popularity has always been immense among the people of the Netherlands.

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What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—  
The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.  
The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.  
The Inspector, 62, Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.  
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.  
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.  
All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.  
The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

### POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

### OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 3 p.m.

**INWARD MAILS**  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 24th April.  
May 1.  
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 24th April.  
May 1.

Japan	May 1
Canton	May 1
Shanghai	May 1
Hai Phong	May 1
Canton	May 2
Japan	May 2
Shanghai	May 2
Sundakun	May 2
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, (San Francisco date, 11th Apr.)	May 2
Shanghai	May 3
Saigon	May 3

### OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, May 1  
Amoy 12.30 p.m.  
Bangkok 12.30 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, Bombay, Belra, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa 1.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 5th May.  
R. F. O.  
Reg. May 1, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. May 1, 5.30 p.m.  
R. F. O.  
Reg. May 1, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. May 1, 7.00 p.m.  
Amoy and Japan 7 p.m.  
Straits and London via Long-Sea-Route—due London, 11th June.  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Parcels May 1, 5 p.m.  
Reg. May 2, 9.45 a.m.  
Ord. May 2, 10.30 a.m.  
Thursday, May 2  
Canton 7.15 a.m.  
Manila 8.30 a.m.  
Shanghai 12.30 p.m.  
Swatow 1 p.m.  
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques, and South Africa 3.30 p.m.  
Amoy 7 p.m.  
Manila 7 p.m.  
Parcels only for Transit 12.30 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London—due London, 14th June.  
K.P.O.  
Reg. May 3, 3 p.m.  
Ord. May 3, 5 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. May 3, 3 p.m.  
Ord. May 3, 5.30 p.m.  
Parcels May 3, 3 p.m.  
Reg. May 3, 5 p.m.  
Ord. May 3, 7 p.m.  
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 20th May.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Par. Noon.  
Reg. 1.45 p.m.  
Ord. 2.30 p.m.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament

Matches have been rearranged as follows:—

#### OPEN SINGLES FINAL.

Wednesday, 1st May.

#### OPEN DOUBLES FINAL.

Friday, 3rd May.

Play commences 4.30 p.m. sharp each day.  
Booking for Stand Seats now open at Moutries.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1940 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1939, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

### HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Ely Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
R. ALVES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

### THE LOVE TREE

The courting couples of Norwich will no longer be able to meet under the famous old chestnut tree in Chapel Field Gardens. The 150-year-old chestnut is to give way to a young plane tree. The Arctic winter has proved too much for the chestnut.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The Down Road and Plantation Road Stations of the Peak Tramway were opened for passenger use today. The former station is particularly convenient for the Ladies' Tennis Club and Magazine Gap.

Work on the Manchester Ship Canal is progressing so rapidly that there is good prospect of its being finished by the end of 1941.

The longest railway in the world will be the St. Petersburg-Ural-Tomsk-Siberia from west to east. It is said and with reason, that this gigantic trunk line will be completed in 1951.

Queen Victoria has begun at Alexandria the usual treatment for rheumatism. She is taking baths regularly, and spends an hour every day swimming in the sea. Those who have seen her reclining on her bed after a bath, wrapped up in her quilt and looking thoroughly uncomfortable, find it hard to realize she is the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India.

The King of the Belgians is here raising money for his pet can-can. The idea for this was originally suggested by Mr. August Belmont when he was Minister to Belgium.

25 YEARS AGO

Among those killed in the Dardanelles Campaign were: Surgeon-General Commander Prentiss, Lieutenant Maxwell Lefroy, Sub-Lieut. Jones-Parry of the Royal Artillery. One man was killed and eight wounded.

A telegram from Volos states that a further contingent of Australian gunners arrived yesterday and immediately installed batteries.

The Germans fired 500 incendiary shells at Athens, many fires broke out but were rapidly extinguished.

It has been announced to the public that in a single day respirators were supplied to the whole army. There is no doubt whether there were any casualties. The Germans had used poison gas for the first time—Ed.

There have been great rejoicings in Australia with regard to the Imperial Government's congratulations upon the gallantry and achievements of the Australians and New Zealanders at the Dardanelles. There was a spontaneous demonstration in ground in Parliament House at Wellington, N.Z. Patriotic speeches were made by the Premier, and the Mayor. The Mayor, Mr. G. V. expressed on behalf of the German community, his sincere thanks for the honour they had been accorded by the attendance at the celebration.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Allies successfully continued their operations yesterday at Suda Bay, on the Aegean Sea, somewhat northward of the Narrows.

The Forces landed at Enos have advanced 20 miles and occupied several villages. Eight thousand Turks were captured on the Plain of Troy.

Enemy aircraft dropped incendiary bombs at Ipswich and Whitton this morning. Three houses were burned. It is unknown whether there were any casualties. Aircraft dropped bombs and set fire to three houses in Dury St. Edmunds.

10 YEARS AGO

The League of Nations Committee on Arbitration and Security today discussed the question of whether to grant to the German delegate, Herr Goepfert, remarked that the League should not have its own army, but should have its own police force to maintain order at its disposal by the various Governments.

5 YEARS AGO

Newspapers today reported that the British Government to-morrow would send a protest to Berlin against Germany's announced intention of building a new fleet of submarines, in contravention of the Treaty of Versailles. From Berlin it is learned that Germany, as well as a submarine fleet, is building small destroyers and torpedo boats and a marine base on the island of Sylt in the North Sea.

A detailed programme for the conversion of Great Britain into a Soviet state has been issued from Moscow as one of the major items of the agenda of the forthcoming World Congress of the Communist international organization.

A strong plea for Anglo-German friendship was made by the Consul General for Germany, Herr Gipperich, at a reception given in the German Club this morning in celebration of the German National Day. Herr Gipperich, lauding his Majesty King George V. expressed on behalf of the German community, his sincere thanks for the honour they had been accorded by the attendance at the celebration.

It is believed that peaceful work, honestly done for ourselves and for the good of our own country, is the most effective contribution towards preservation of the peace of the world he said.

LONDON, Apr. 30, (British Wireless).—A small party of Press representatives are awaiting to go to the Norwegian front at short notice. More will follow.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

#### SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship.

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 5th May, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st May, 1940.

Consignees must have a duplicate Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,  
Agent.

## RADIO

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 31.49 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles).

### Greig Concerto in A Minor Played by Backhaus

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11.15 p.m. on 0.52 m.c.s. per second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30. Billy Russell (Comedian) in "On Behalf of the Working Classes." An actual Theatre recording.

12.44. Gerry Moore (Piano) and His Rhythm in Dance Music.

1.00. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02. Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

1.30. Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45. Dance Music by Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

2.00. Bethoven—Concerto in D Major, Op. 61.

Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

0.40. Closing local Stock Quotations.

0.48. Songs by Herbert Groh (Tenor).

7.00. The New Mayfair Orchestra.

7.30. London Relay—The News.

8.00. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03. Ambrose and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

8.30. Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

Whispering of the Flowers (Franz V. Blon) with Hawaiian Guitar.

Perambles—Dance of the Brides of Kashmir (Rubinstein).

8.40. Two Grieg Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).

A Swan, Op. 25, No. 2, in The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3, with Piano accompaniment by Edwin McArthur.

8.47. Greig—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16.

Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano) and the New Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

9.05. London Relay—News Summary.

9.30. "The Voice of the Nazi"—Talk recorded by Professor W. A. Sinielch.

9.45. Variety with Patricia Rossborough, Frank Luther, Fred Astaire and Others.

10.30. Dance Music.

11.00. London Relay—"Matters of Moment."

Talk by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of Exchequer.

11.15. Close down.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £23 1/2 n.  
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £23 1/4 n.  
Chartered Bank £23 1/2 n.  
Mercantile, A. & B. £23 1/2 n.  
Mercantile, C. £23 1/2 n.  
East Asia £23 1/2 n.

### INSURANCES

Canton £230 n.  
Union £230 n.  
China Underwriters £85 cts. n.  
H.K. Fire £176 n.

### SHIPPING

Douglases £120 n.  
Steamboats £110 n.  
Indo-China £100 n.  
Shell (Bearers) £75 n.  
Waterboats £600 n.

### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves £100 n.  
Docks (c. rts.) £22 s.  
Docks (x. rts.) £10.65 n.  
Docks (rts.) £0.60 b. & s.  
Providents £44 b.  
Sh. Docks Sh. £60 1/2 n.

### MINING

Kallan s/- £20 1/4 n.  
Raubus s/- £9.65 n.  
K. Mines £6cts. n.

### LANDS

Hotels £4 1/2 s.  
Lands £30 1/2 n.  
Lands £2 debentures £100 n.  
Shul Lands Sh. £15.80 n.  
Humphreys £8 n.  
H.K. Realities £4.40 b.  
Chinese Estates £103 n.

### UTILITIES

Trams £17 1/2 n.  
Peak Tram (old) £8 n.  
Star Perries £6 n.  
Y. Ferries £25 1/2 n.  
China Lights (old) £7.90 n.  
China Lights (new) £5 s.  
H.K. Electric £65 s.  
Macao Electric £20 1/2 n.  
Sandsan Lights £11 1/4 n.  
Telephones (old) £x. d. 28 n.  
Telephones (new) £x. d. 10 1/4 n.

### INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. £14.90 n.  
Cold: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. £12 n.  
Canton Ice £1 n.  
Cements £17 n.  
H.K. Ropes £5.55 n.

### STORES, &c.

Dairy Farm £22 n.  
Watsons £9.15 b.  
Lane Crawford £8.20 b.  
Sincere £2 n.  
Wing On (H.K.) £30 n.  
Powell Ltd. £1 b.

### COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. £60 sa.  
Shui Cotton Sh. £230 n.

H.K. Entertainments £7.10 n.  
Constructions (old) £14 n.  
Constructions (new) £1 n.  
Vibro Piling £8 n.  
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.Bds. £95 n.  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan £102 sa.  
H.K. Govt. 3% Loan £102 sa.  
Marsmann Inv. (H.K.) s/- £4/- n.

MILAN, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The celebrated operatic dancer, Rosina Galli, has died, aged 40.

## TALK OF "LAST STAND" IN CENTRAL NORWAY

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troops are concentrated between Tynset and Roeroos but, from a military viewpoint, the position is of small importance.

The highway between Støren and Roeroos is too narrow to permit the passage of large trucks or mechanised units, and the movement of heavy supplies is impossible owing to destroyed bridges and tunnels and the dismantling of strategic parts of the road.

Expert ski troops may be able to reach Trondheim from Støren, but no major German force can break through.

Fighting around Snassvat, which is north-east of Steinkjer, is confined to skirmishes between ski patrols, according to the frontier correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter."

**Norwegians Dig In**  
The correspondent quotes the Norwegian commander as stating that the Norwegians are dug in on the east shore of the lake, and also have good positions along the railway between Steinkjer and Grong.

The French troops are reported to be holding the line on the other side of the lake.

Norwegian troops are protecting the flank extending to the Swedish frontier.

According to the correspondent, the Germans yesterday launched a strong but unsuccessful attack on Tangen.

**Indomitable Courage**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that, in the Dombås area the British are fighting with indomitable courage and have resisted any further advance by the enemy.

North of Steinkjer, British troops again proved their superiority in patrol work, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Fresh landings have taken place along the coast of Norway.

**British Reinforcements Land**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
BERLIN, Apr. 30 (UP).—Military circles in Berlin are claiming that the occupation of Dombås and Opdal, which they say occurred "unexpectedly and quickly," although the Allied Command denies their capture, renders the English position at Gudbrands Valley and Andalsnes "absolutely hopeless."

A German High Command communique states that the Germans are now in a position to pour uninterrupted streams of reinforcements and supplies to the north of the British positions near Steinkjer.

In all their reports on the latest military developments on the northern front, German newspapers emphasize the speed with which the Nazi columns poured along the narrow valleys over very difficult terrain.

**Nazis Hold Railway, Claim**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The official Nazi news agency states that news has just reached Berlin from Norway that German troops have taken Dombås.

It is stated that German troops advanced northward from Otta in the Gudbrands Valley along the railway line towards Andalsnes.

The High Command claims that the main Oslo-Trondheim railway line is now in German hands.

In addition to Dombås, the statement states, the Germans have captured Opdal on the Trondheim line north-east of Dombås.

**No Confirmation**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—There is no confirmation in well-informed circles here of the reports that Dombås and Støren have fallen to the enemy.

**Official Communique**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A War Office communique states: "In Sunday's fighting in the Gudbrands Valley, the enemy attacked us with the support of tanks and low-flying aircraft. All the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses, including the destruction of three medium tanks."

"During the night our troops made a short withdrawal to a position covering Dombås."

"Air attacks on Andalsnes and Molde continued during the day."

"In the Namsos and Narvik areas, the situation remains unchanged."

**Fresh Allied Landings**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Fresh landings of Allied troops are said to have been made south of Trondheim.

This report is still without official confirmation.

However, messages from Stockholm state that landings have been made at Molde Fjord and Sundal Fjord, near Andalsnes.

From these two fjords there are good motor roads to the Gudbrands Valley which lead to two small villages north and south of Dombås.

Other reports speak of reinforcements being landed at Namsos, which is north of Trondheim.

There is no important change in the position in the Allied and German positions just north of Steinkjer.

**Patrols Active**  
A communique issued from this sector on Monday night spoke of patrol activity.

Enemy patrols were repulsed with losses and several prisoners were taken.

A British raiding party ambushed a German detachment and took several prisoners.

Some of the reinforcements in the Namsos sector include crack ski troops.

Messages from



# MAGAZINE PAGE

## THE ADMIRALTY CHANGES THE C. in C.

THE OLD

**YOU wouldn't TAKE HIM for an ADMIRAL**

SIR PERCY NOBLE is the senior representative in China of all the British defence forces. When there is trouble, it falls on his shoulders.

There has been trouble, on and off, ever since he took command.

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If you had met him in London on his way from his house in Chester-square to his desk at the Admiralty—he was Fourth Sea Lord before he left for China—wearing a lounge suit and a bowler hat like any other Londoner on his way to work, you probably wouldn't have taken him for an admiral at all.

He hasn't the bluff manner or the large frame which most people associate with high naval rank.

If you had spoken to him you might have thought he was an Ambassador on leave, or a high official at Buckingham Palace.

This, in fact, he might easily have become. It was known that he was a friend of the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, and played squash with him.

It was expected that the Prince would give him an appointment in his household when he came to the throne.

But when Edward VIII. came to the throne, Percy Noble was engaged on work of the greatest national importance—supervising the Navy's supplies at a time of naval expansion.

He was created a K.C.B. in Edward VIII's only Birthday Honours.

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When you speak to Percy Noble your first impression is one of sympathy and discretion. He might almost be the family doctor or the family lawyer.

The impression of power comes later—and very subtly.

One of the jobs he had as the Naval Training Establishment at Shotley.

A guest asked him: "What do you do if you have trouble with any of the boys?"

"I talk to them."

"And if you still have trouble?"

"Well, if that happened, I suppose I should have to use the stick."

When the Admiralty sent him to China they knew that they were giving him their roughest furrow to plough.

The job needs a man who is a diplomatist as well as a leader; a man who can persuade as well as command. And it needs a strategist—a man who can think ahead and make plans on a large scale.

One of Percy Noble's earlier jobs was Director of the Operations Section at the Admiralty. In this



SIR PERCY NOBLE

capacity he had to prepare plans of operations in case of war for the entire British Fleet.

The Hongkong command called for a man with many varied qualifications.

In Sir Percy Noble it got him.

The NEW

**THEY couldn't STOP HIM in the LAST WAR**

**VICE-ADMIRAL GEOFFREY LAYTON**, who becomes the new Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, probably doesn't remember ex-Leading Stoker Francis George Stubbington.

George lives in Shakespeare Road, Portsmouth, these days. He remembers Rear-Admiral Layton.

For ex-Stoker Stubbington served under the Rear-Admiral, (he was a Commander then) in the submarine E-13.

The E-13 was nosing her way into the Baltic on the night of August 13, 1915, when both Leading Stoker Stubbington and Commander Layton experienced the most memorable incident in their two lives.

For E-13 went aground near the Danish island of Saltholm, between Malmo and Copenhagen.

As they tried to free their craft,

the crew of E-13 wondered what daylight would bring.

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THEY soon found out.

And both Geoffrey Layton and Francis Stubbington remember with a vividness that will never be erased.

Layton was thirty-two then Stubbington was a year older.

When Rear-Admiral Layton was in Hongkong before as Flag Captain in H.M.S. Suffolk he never mentioned his amazing experience.

Ex-Leading Stoker Stubbington, happily, proves more talkative, and he recently told the graphic story.

"Three Danish warships—small craft they were—anchored near us. And up came a German destroyer. Well, that's that, we thought. We took it for granted we should be rescued and interned," he said.

"That was what any reasonable man would have thought. We were a helpless vessel in neutral waters."

"Suddenly two more German destroyers turned up. One of them hoisted a signal—and before we had time to read it he opened fire on us."

"He came right in to point-blank range. We got a taste of his concentrated fire. Pretty soon there were wounded men lying all over our deck."

It was boiling hot on account of the fires the German shells started inside the submarine.

Commander Layton shouted. "Every man for himself. Get away from these vines."

"So we jumped into the water."

"What happened then is still a nightmare to me. The Germans began using shrapnel and machine-guns. They fired at us in the water."

"I HEARD my shipmates shout as they were hit. It was hell."

"The Germans were murdering us. They were like madmen."

"But while the shooting was still going on, one of the Danish ships steamed right in between us and the German destroyer. They made themselves a screen to save us from the shrapnel and machine-gun bullets."

"The Germans didn't dare to fire on a neutral ship. So they steamed away."

"Those Danes had some pluck. They lowered their boats and rescued us."

"There were just fifteen of us left—out of thirty."

"I'll never forget the bravery of that Danish commander and his crew—nor how kind the Danish people were while we were interned."

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THAT is the story Francis Stubbington told. The Official History of the last war tells the sequel. This is what the History says:

"The vessel was shelled at short range by three German destroyers in defiance of a Danish torpedo boat which had arrived to safeguard Denmark's neutrality."

"Fifteen officers and men of the E-13 were killed. Commander Layton and other survivors were interned in the naval barracks near Copenhagen. After three weeks, Commander Layton withdrew his parole, notifying the Danish authorities, who took extra precautions."

One night he left a dummy in his bed and, while a brother officer created a diversion, he managed to escape from the building, passing many sentries. He had secured a Danish sailor's suit and in that disguise swam along the shore till he reached the city.

"There he landed, took off his clothes and wrung them out in 18 degrees of frost, dressed again and crossed to Norway in the ferry."

"To the guise of an American marine over-seer he made his way to Bergen, whence he sailed to England, reaching London four days after leaving Copenhagen."

## STAMP TOPICS

Nicaragua—In May, 1939, President A. Somoza of Nicaragua visited the United States, and in commemoration of that visit Nicaragua has issued a series of airmail stamps. Five values are for interior use and seven values are for international airmail. The 12 stamps come in three designs and in various colours.

One design pictures President A. Somoza before the American Senate, May, 1939. After the inscription are the words "Buenos Vecinos" or "Good Neighbours." The second design pictures the Capital at Washington, D. C., with President A. Somoza's picture in an oval frame at the upper right and the inscription "Commemoration of the visit of President A. Somoza to Washington, May, 1939." The third design pictures the Golden Gate International Exposition theme, Sun Tower, on the left, the New York World's Fair theme, Perisphere and Trylon, on the right, and President Somoza's portrait in an oval frame, in the centre. Below is the inscription "Commemorating the visit of President A. Somoza to the United States of America."

The values of the Interior Airmail set are the 4c., red brown (Senate); 6c., black brown (Capitol); 10c., turquoise green (Senate); 20c., red violet (Capitol); and 32c., vermilion (Fair Themes). The International Airmail set includes the 25c., deep blue (Senate); 30c., black (Senate); 50c., carmine rose (Capitol); 60c., green (Fair Themes); 65c., violet black (Senate); 80c., olive (Senate); and 1-cordoba, violet (Fair Themes).

Albania—Four new Albanian stamps have been received, each of a different design and colour. The 1 qind (gray blue), pictures an Albanian in native costume. The 2 q. (dark olive), pictures a male in another type of native costume. The 3 q. (brown), pictures an Albanian woman in native dress, and the 50 q. (dark violet), pictures a second Albanian woman in a different type of native dress.

Belgium—A new value of the King Leopold III design has been issued to meet a postal need. The value is the 2Fr.50 and the colour is in black.

Philippine Islands—A set of three stamps has been issued in connection with President Quezon's inauguration. They are the 3c. (deep orange), 6c. (green), and 12c. (purple), and are all of one design showing a Government official administering the oath of office to President Quezon.

Portugal—A set of eight values has been issued honouring the Portuguese Legion. The stamps are of one design which shows the Legion emblem and the inscription "Legião Portuguesa." The values and colours are: 5 centavos (ochre); 10c. (purple); 15c. (blue); 25c. (brown); 40c. (dark green); 80c. (light green); 1 escudo (scarlet); and 1E.75 (blue).

Spain—In honour of the recent visit of Count Ciano, of Italy, Spain has printed six values of the Franco stamps. The overprints are in gold, silver or black, and the inscription reads, "Malaga saluda Conde Ciano, 17-7-39."

United States

The 20th birthday of the First President of the United States recalls that his portrait by Stuart appears on the 10c. value of the first stamps of the United States, issued in 1847. In the next series of stamps, issued in 1851, various portraits of George Washington appeared on five different values of the series. The most interesting set of stamps appearing during recent years which pictures Washington's various portraits is the special commemorative set, issued in 1932, in co-operation with the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

The 2-cent stamp of the issue of 1922-23 shows the portrait of Washington, from Houdon's bust, and if one should turn this stamp with the nose of the profile facing down there appears the profile of one of the "Wise Men who came from the East," his nose being formed by the ear of the portrait, his profile facing to the right.

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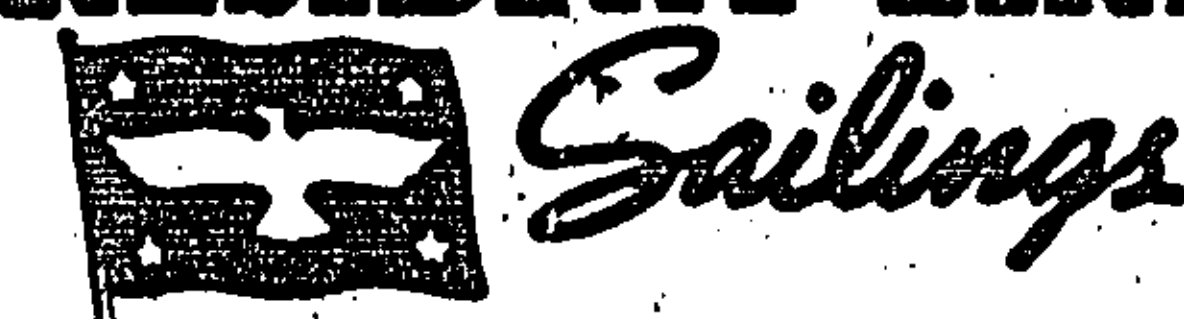
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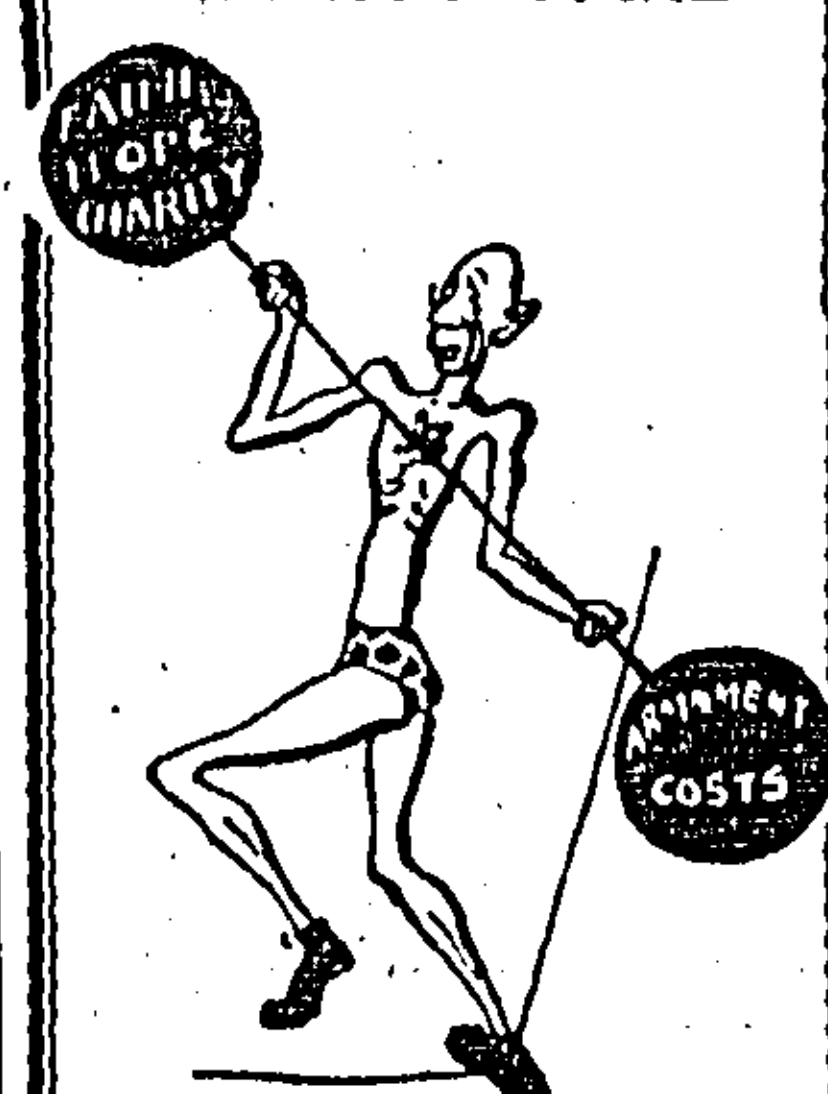
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# Sir Neville Henderson: INSTALMENT NINE

September, 1938. The Sudeten lands were aflame. The quarrel which Hitler had picked with Czechoslovakia had reached its climax. War seemed inevitable.

Mr. Chamberlain flew to Berchtesgaden to meet Hitler. Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, described yesterday what passed at that meeting.

To-day he reveals the secrets of Mr. Chamberlain's second visit to the Fuehrer.

THE second meeting between the Prime Minister and Hitler took place at Godesberg. Nothing this time was left undone to minister to our comfort and to create the best possible impression. A guard of honour was awaiting Mr. Chamberlain's inspection at the Cologne aerodrome, and a band greeted him with "God Save the King."

He drove from the aerodrome to the Petersberg Hotel at Godesberg with Ribbentrop.

On the opposite side of the river to us Hitler had taken up his quarters at one of his favourite haunts, an hotel kept by one Dreesen, who had been a companion of his early struggle for power. It was thither that Mr. Chamberlain and his party proceeded for his meeting with Hitler at 5 p.m. on that 22nd of September.

To get there it was necessary to cross the river by ferry, which was done under the eyes of thousands of onlookers, who lined the banks in a manner reminiscent of the "Varsity boat-race day."

Hitler met the Prime Minister at the door of the hotel, and led him without delay to room upstairs. They sat down at one end of the long, baize-covered table, and the proceedings began.

The German populace by the river had demonstrated its uncontrolled and spontaneous pleasure at seeing the British Prime Minister, whom they recognised as the harbinger of peace, but Hitler himself was in an uncompromising mood.

Mr. Chamberlain opened the proceedings by recalling that at Berchtesgaden he had agreed in principle to the right of the Sudeten Germans to self-determination; and that he had undertaken to endeavour to obtain the assent of his Cabinet and of the French Government.

## "It is no Longer enough"

Within a very short lapse of time he had, he continued, been able to obtain the assent of the British Cabinet; the French Ministers had visited London and had likewise agreed; and furthermore, the acquiescence of the Czechoslovak Government had been secured.

He accordingly outlined the steps which in his opinion should now be taken to arrange for the peaceful transfer of the Sudeten territory.

When the Prime Minister had finished, Hitler asked whether he was to understand that the British, French and Czechoslovak Governments had in effect agreed to the transfer of the Sudeten territory from Czechoslovakia to Germany.

The Prime Minister replied: "Yes."

There was a slight pause, a silence in which Hitler appeared for a moment to be making up his mind.

He then said decisively: "I am exceedingly sorry, but that is no longer of any use."

The Prime Minister expressed his surprise and indignation; he could not, he declared, return to London with fresh proposals and demands only to be faced once more with the rejoinder that they were no longer adequate.

Hitler thereupon shifted the blame by explaining that it was the Hungarian and Polish claims which had now to be met. His friendship with these two countries demanded, he said, that he should give them full support.

To which the Prime Minister retorted that on Hitler's own showing, these claims had not the same urgency as the question of the Sudeten Germans, and that the Hungarian-Polish claims could only be considered after the Sudeten problem had been solved in an orderly manner.

When the discussion thereupon reverted to Mr. Chamberlain's proposal, Hitler declined flatly to consider them on the ground that they involved too much delay.

Instead, he demanded that the German-speaking areas should be ceded forthwith and occupied by German troops.

This, Mr. Chamberlain in turn declined to accept, and after three hours of somewhat exacerbated debate, the meeting adjourned.

The deadlock that night and most of the next day seemed complete. Hitler, having secured one position, was already advancing on the next.

He was no longer prepared to execute his part of the bargain at Berchtesgaden and to discuss quietly the ways and means of a settlement.

# HOW HITLER CHEATED CHAMBERLAIN

He was using the claims of the Poles and the Hungarians and the plight of the Sudeten refugees, which his own agents had manipulated, as a pretext which possibly satisfied his own facile conscience, to break his word to Mr. Chamberlain.

Godesberg was the real turning point in Anglo-German relations, and I have always felt that it was there that Hitler made the first of his big political mistakes.

He had cheated the British Prime Minister and, by letting him down, thereby prepared the way for the revulsion of feeling in England against Hitlerism and its methods, which was to become complete after the occupation of Prague in March, 1939.

The first interview at Godesberg, thus ended without any reference to a subsequent meeting, and until the late afternoon of the following day it looked as if there might be none.

## Chamberlain Tries again

Two written communications were exchanged in the course of the day without producing any modifications of the respective positions.

The British Press even reported that the negotiations had definitely broken down, and in the interval London informed Prague that it could no longer advise against a Czech mobilisation, while pointing out, nevertheless, that mobilisation might precipitate a conflict.

The Prime Minister's patience was, however, not yet finally exhausted.

He was unwilling to refuse discussion of proposals which he had not actually seen in writing, and at 5 p.m. that afternoon he instructed Sir Ribbentrop and to suggest that Hitler should embody the exact nature of his proposals for the occupation of the Sudeten lands in an official document.

It might have been anticipated that Hitler would reject this request on the ground that he had made his proposals sufficiently clear verbally in the course of the conversation on the preceding day.

But the war party in Germany was also not yet finally in the ascendant.

Mr. Chamberlain's refusal to renew contact had provoked some consternation among the moderate elements in the German camp, and Hitler, in view of the high hopes placed by the German people in Mr. Chamberlain's intervention, was reluctant to break off the negotiations.

Ribbentrop was accordingly instructed to inform us that a German memorandum would be prepared.

At 10.30 that night the conversations were resumed.

Although Hitler was in a much less truculent mood and even made an effort to appear conciliatory, his memorandum showed that he



"Willing to work with us for peace in Europe": Signor Mussolini meeting Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the Fuehrer's House, Munich, for the conference which ended in the famous agreement.

had not moderated his demands, which were presented in a most peremptory form and described by Hitler as his last word.

In this document he required the Czechs to begin the evacuation of the predominantly Sudeten areas at 2 a.m. on September 26, and to complete it by September 28.

Thus, the Czechoslovak Government was to be given a bare forty-eight hours to issue the necessary orders, and only four days in which to evacuate the whole of the Sudeten land.

It is characteristic of Hitler's methods of argument that when the Prime Minister pointed out that this was a sheer Dictate (the word always applied by Hitler to the Treaty of Versailles) imposed on a country voluntarily surrendering a part of its territory without having been defeated in war, the Chancellor replied: "It is not a Dictate; look, the document is headed by the word 'memorandum'."

In the course of the long discussion which followed, Hitler agreed to modify his time-table slightly, and he also made in his own handwriting a number of minor alterations designed to attenuate the asperity of the memorandum.

"You are the only man," he said somewhat bitterly to Mr. Chamberlain, "to whom I have ever made a concession."

## The Fuehrer Was relieved

He appeared, however, relieved when the Prime Minister finally said that, while he could not accept or recommend the German proposals, he could nevertheless, as an intermediary, not refuse to submit them to the Czechoslovak Government.

Hitler had no desire that the German people should think that the negotiations had broken down as the result of his own intransigence.

He was none the less bent on the military occupation of Czechoslovakia. He himself was prepared to risk war with Britain, but, on the other hand, his military advisers were not.

On the following morning the Prime Minister left by air again for London. Thanks to the energy and drive of Colonel Mason-Macfarlane (of the British Embassy), the German memorandum and the map with the Godesberg line marked on it were in the hands of the Czech Government the same night.

It had meant Mason-Macfarlane's flying back to Berlin, motor-ing to the Czech frontier and then walking ten kilometres in the dark through Czech barbed wire and other entanglements, at the constant risk of being shot as a raider by either Germans or Czechs.

The peak of the crisis was reached after Godesberg. The French mobilised half-a-million men, and the Admiralty, the British Fleet.

The French Government re-affirmed their intention to support Czechoslovakia if attacked, and His Majesty's Government similarly reasserted their position in accordance with the Prime Minister's statement of March 24.

Staff talks between the British and French army chiefs were resumed, and the Czech Government, encouraged by these demonstrations of solidarity, refused to accept the Godesberg memorandum.

It looked as if war was inevitable over the point as to the date and manner in which the territories, which the Czechs had agreed to cede to Germany, were to be handed over.

## TO-MORROW:

Hitler shouts "I will smash the Czechs!"—"By next Monday, we shall all be at war."—A procession that changed the Fuehrer's mind.—Goering calls Ribbentrop a criminal fool.—Italy's eleventh hour intervention.

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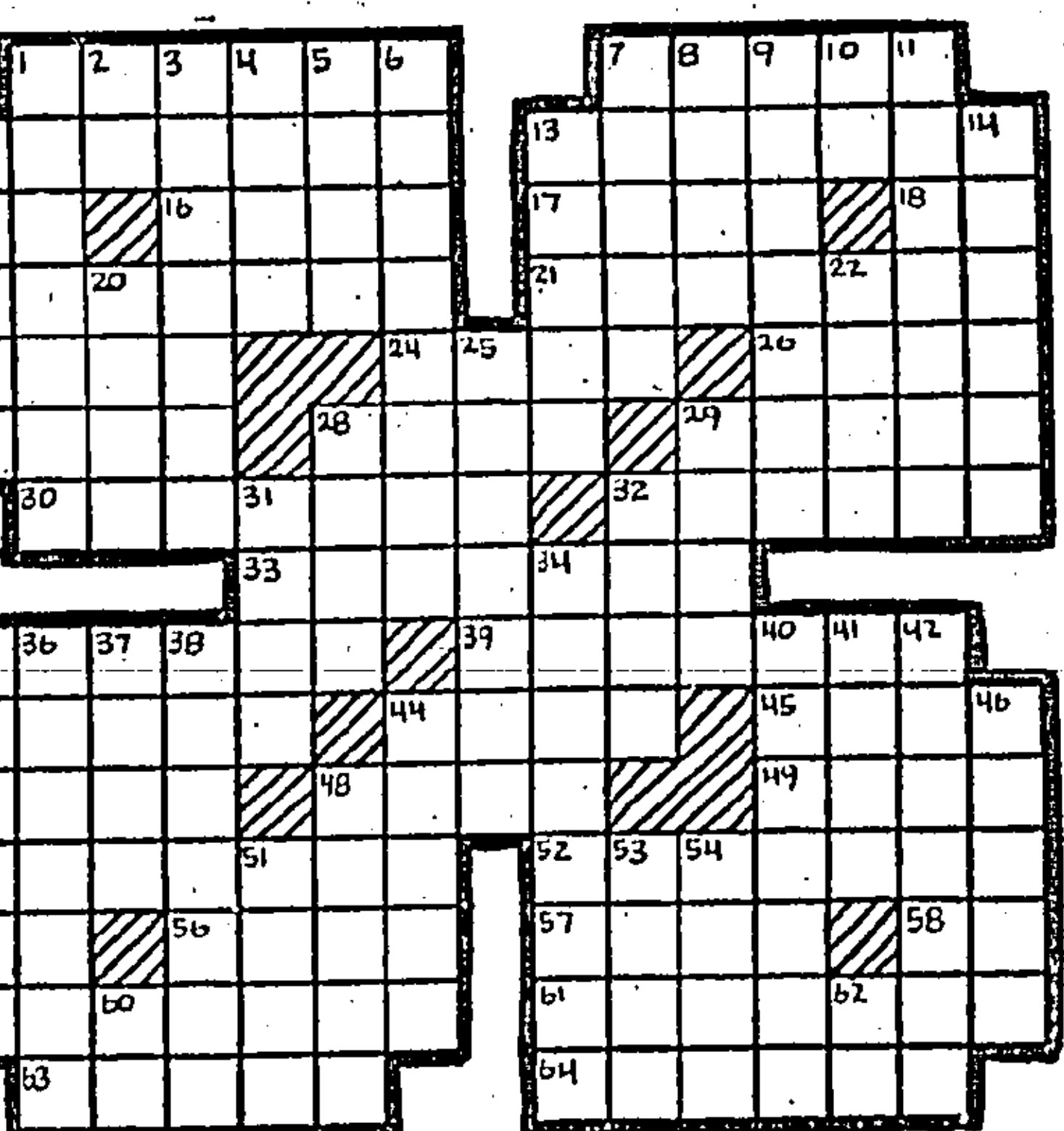
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS  
1—Quick-witted  
2—Fundamental  
3—Groundless fancy  
4—Lira for making tea  
5—Language  
6—Oil of swags  
7—City in U. S. & A. R.  
8—Tetrahedron  
9—Part of exit  
10—Passer unnoticed  
11—Time spirit of evil  
12—Fascade of bulky foods  
13—Jelly in Cetus  
14—Small piece of ground  
15—Petty falsehoods  
16—Suburban trails  
17—State up  
18—Constituent of ureterine  
19—Pours in by drops  
20—Turns from course  
21—Pierced  
22—Girl's name  
23—Tree of wine  
24—Portion of earth's surface  
25—On summit of  
26—Kind of fern  
27—Combining form: bile  
28—Grayish arena  
29—Swimming to place  
30—Terminus  
31—Mine entrance

DOWN  
1—Refuse approval to  
2—Well known historical period  
3—Fifth abbey  
4—First boat  
5—Verily  
6—King of Israel  
7—The Pope's church  
8—Musical construction  
9—Dirtier  
10—An exchange made over again  
11—Chinese staple food  
12—Dirtier  
13—Lone live (French)  
14—Dancehall  
15—Lash to one side  
16—Lone live (French)  
17—Consider  
18—Buried physically  
19—One who irritates  
20—Greek name for Cnidus  
21—Victorious  
22—Region lived in  
23—Colonel of Greenland  
24—Deferred  
25—One who is ill  
26—Dated as proposition  
27—Buried  
28—Girl's name  
29—Medicine oil  
30—Cuban pineapple drink  
31—Dread bar of Odin  
32—Mother of Uranus



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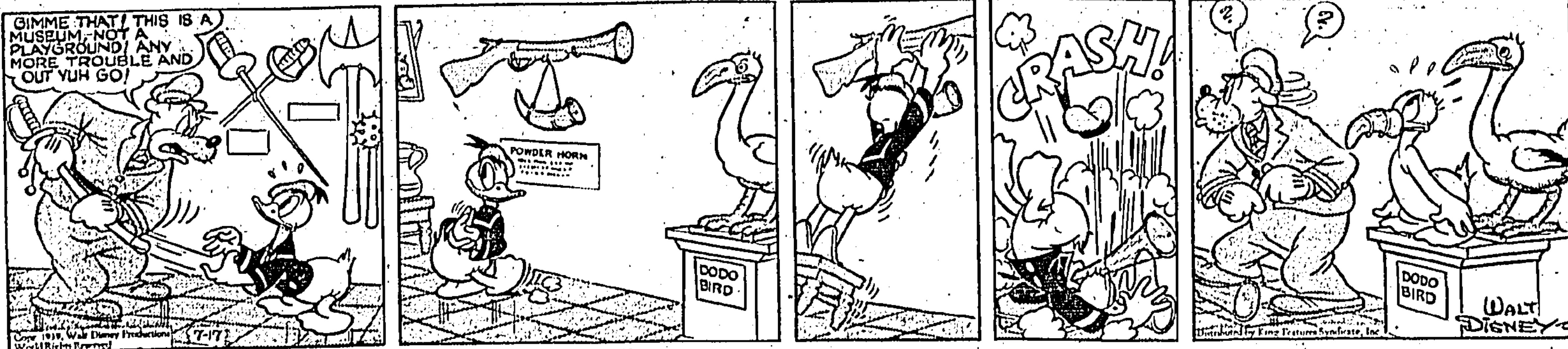
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#### NEWSMEN GO UNDERGROUND



A party of American and other foreign journalists photographed underground in the Maginot line, which they visited recently.—French official Photograph.

## AIR BLITZKRIEG WOULD BE NAZI BOOMERANG

IF Germany were to launch a blitz air attack which slowed up Britain's warplane production, the R.A.F. would still be able to draw on U.S.A. production as well as from the Dominions.

Any German blitz would result in a counter-attack, and the Germans, at the moment, have no reserve production source.

The millions that Britain is spending on American warplanes is, up to the moment, for specialised type whose need has been plainly shown.

But there is every indication that so far as front-line fighters and bombers are concerned we shall continue to rely mainly on our own products. These are either slightly ahead of or on a level with Nazi designs.

#### Used Over Norway

What United States warplanes, excluding trainers, is Britain using now? What has she ordered, and why? What is she said to favour? What types are available if she wants to buy them?

The R.A.F. are using Lockheed Hudson general reconnaissance monoplane, which, similar in appearance to the Lockheed 14 civil air-liner, have specialised military equipment. They are well powered with two 1100 h.p. Wright Cyclone engines.

The machines are mostly being used by the Coastal Command. They are moderately fast, well-armed, manoeuvrable. They have done well on attacks in Norway, showing that their range, which has not been revealed, is more than adequate with heavy bomb loads.

The R.A.F. have ordered, according to American sources (a) 120 Brewster single-seater naval fighters; (b) 250 Consolidated flying boats; (c) 200 Douglas naval dive-bombers.

#### Side-door for Escape

The Brewsters (value £2,190,000 with spares) are metal mid-wing monoplane. They had engines of 630 h.p., but I hear there is a later engine, the Wright Cyclone G-200, of 1200 h.p., which yields 330 m.p.h.—maybe more.

The Consolidated flying-boats are well-known. They can patrol for 35 hours over 4,000 miles with a crew of six. Although slow, they have their uses over ocean beats.

The Douglas dive-bombers, again naval types (value, £2,500,000) are two-seaters. These, too, are not outstandingly fast with their 900 h.p. Pratt and Whitney engines. They would be useful for observation work, and attacks on the German naval units and bases.

The R.A.F. may order 600 Bell P-39s. These are unusual single-

seater fighters with tricycle landing gear and a 1000 h.p. Allison engine set behind the pilot, who sits over an extension shaft turning the three-bladed propeller in front of him.

The pilot's cabin is like the coupe compartment of a car, with a side-door through which he can escape if the machine burns.

He has brakes so that after touching the ground he can pull up quickly in a small front-line airfield. These machines are said to have 400 m.p.h. under the engine-cowling.

#### Fast as Hurricanes

The R.A.F. can now order, thanks to the United States Government, (a) Curtiss P-40 fighter, (b) Lockheed P-38 fighter, (c) Douglas attack bomber, (d) Martin attack bomber.

The Curtiss fighter is said to be as fast as the Hurricane (nearly 340 m.p.h.), but it does not look as though it would be so manoeuvrable. It is something like the Messerschmitt 109 in wing design.

It would be a much faster fighter with a Rolls-Royce Merlin engine.

The Lockheed fighter has twin-engines and a twin fuselage. This, too, is reputed to have 400 m.p.h. in hand—according to the United States War Department. It could be made into a two-seater with a fair amount of ease, thus enabling more guns to be operated.

It crossed the U.S.A. last year at average speed of 365 m.p.h. on a claimed 60 per cent. throttle.

The Douglas attack bomber, an improved DB-7, is said to be capable of 375 m.p.h. Before the war France ordered 100 of the original DB-7s, which were 300 m.p.h. machines with tricycle undercarriages.

The Martin attack bomber is the 107, of which 215 were ordered by the French before the war. Those supplied to France did 275 m.p.h. There is an improved version doing 335 m.p.h. It is a small, twin-engine machine capable of carrying half a ton of bombs and a big ammunition load.

Finally, it must be stated that if the design of certain United States warplanes satisfies the R.A.F., it is often possible for them to be fitted with British engines. Present British air engine design is ahead of the American types, and shortly still more advanced designs will be appearing.

### — DESHABILLETEES —

HUNDREDS of girl Civil servants in Bath are to have a club in which they can wash, mend and iron their "undies".

In another of the club there will be billiards and darts rooms for male guests, and a committee room for the Civil Service Clerical Association.

#### GOBBELS' SYLT-SCAPA BALANCE SHEET



The German Press issued the following balance-sheet on the Scapa Flow and Sylt raids:—

Scapa Flow (Credit)	
One British battleship "as good as destroyed" .....	£11,250,000.
Two battleships seriously damaged .....	£10,666,000.
One cruiser seriously damaged .....	£2,250,000.
Two more big ships seriously damaged .....	£3,750,000.
Damage to three British aerodromes .....	£208,300.
Damage to British A.A. batteries .....	£106,250.
Total .....	£34,230,550.
Sylt (Debit)	
One damaged house roof .....	£60.
One rifle range to be repaired .....	£9.
Window panes to be replaced .....	£28.
Total .....	£97.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Sir Herbert James Stanley's term of office as Governor of Southern Rhodesia has been extended until April, 1941. Sir Herbert has been Governor since 1935.

#### Her Lost Daughter

On the mantelpiece, in the place of honour, was a photograph of a pretty English schoolgirl—plump, pigtail over each shoulder. She is Mrs. Johnstone's nine-year-old daughter by her first marriage.

By the photograph was a card bearing the words "Mother dear"—doubtless a love token from her daughter far away in an English school.

"Why have you come to see us?" asked Mrs. Johnstone. "We left the English world so long ago."

In a torrent of conversation the couple recalled the delights of England and the Continent in the days when they lived and travelled in luxury.

Johnstone walked to a pile of old records and put one on the gramophone.

It was Layton and Johnstone singing—one of their greatest song triumphs—"Whether I'm Happy, Whether I'm Blue, It All Depends on You."

Johnstone's wife smiled understandingly at him.

From a drawer they took a letter posted on cardboard. It was an invitation from an equerry of the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, inviting Johnstone to entertain a private party.

Mrs. Johnstone told me how her husband returned to America four years ago and how she followed.

#### "I Love Him"

"I followed my husband because I love him," she said. "My place is always with him. God knows I endured enough to marry him."

She didn't tell me what I heard later from neighbours—that during his illness she went out to work to help to pay doctors' bills.

The colour bar is so strict in New York that Mrs. Johnstone and her husband cannot enter even the simple cafes outside Harlem together, and she cannot be received with him in most white society.

In the divorce action in London Sandler was awarded £2,500 damages against Johnstone, cited as the correspondent, but the coloured singer won his appeal against damages.

Johnstone's former partner, Turner Layton is still one of the big draws in British variety.

When Clarence Johnstone appeared for his public examination in London after his bankruptcy, it was stated that the joint income of himself and Turner Layton from 1928 to 1935 was £210,000. In one year they made a profit of £23,000.

When Turner Layton was told about the news from New York, he said:

"This is terrible. I am distressed to hear it."

"Johnstone and I have not corresponded since we split the partnership. But I am sorry to hear of his bad luck. I sincerely hope he has seen the worst of it."

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## Oslo Was Betrayed By Nazi Plotters Within Her Gates

ren the people stared. Thousands of young men stood watching this occupation parade. Not one hand or voice was raised. We could discern no sign of resentment upon any face about us. This was the most incomprehensible thing among all the incomprehensible things of this fantastic 24 hours.

Somewhat it seemed as if curiosity was the strongest sentiment in the throng of Osloans who watched the Germans come in. No other emotion was betrayed in the countless faces we scanned anxiously. The only indignant people we met or saw that day were foreigners. The Norwegians of Oslo seemed stunned beyond recovery. All acted curiously, like children suddenly given a chance to see a parade of strange creatures out of prehistoric times—something which had no connection with real life.

#### Public Offices Taken Over

But within two hours real life was making itself felt in Oslo. The Germans had occupied the capital. They simply paraded in, taking it over, much as Frenchmen or Italians might parade into a colonial village some-where in the interior of Africa. Now they went to work. It was the urgent task of the tiny force of 1,500 men to seize the key places of the nation's capital. They did it swiftly, without any fear of interruption.

When I hurried into the telegraph building I had hopes. There were still no German troops guarding the door. But immediately I knew I was too late.

The first hint came when a woman employee who always addressed me in perfect English spoke to me in German and tried to refuse the message on the ground that I had no special telegraph card. But her chief had already accepted my despatch at one o'clock. Finally she accepted it reluctantly, together with 64 dollars' worth of Norwegian crowns which had to be paid in advance. Then she told me in German that I must see Fraulein Haug the next morning, or no more messages would be accepted. Of course, my own and all other despatches for the next 24 hours were never sent. The Germans had closed all wires as well as the telephone lines to the outside world.

Next day, Wednesday, was as unbelievable as the events of April 9 had been. German troops now stood guard over Parliament, the University, the City Hall and other public buildings. My first shock came early in the morning as I passed the Storting. Two score German soldiers filled the open windows of the third floor of the Parliament building, all singing lustily, while one pumped lovingly at his accordion. Osloans

stood watching and listening on the pavements below. I looked closely, but as far as I could see they were simple curious and somewhat entertained. As on the previous night, after the occupation of the city, the cafes were filled in almost normal fashion, and a large number of young men were loitering in them as if no such thing as a regular Norwegian army were ready to offer resistance to the invader only 50 miles north of the capital.

Wherever we went we saw groups of young people clustered round German soldiers on guard. Some of them chatted pleasantly with the soldiers, some stared at their rifles and machine-guns and asked questions about them. Many young girls gazed admiringly at the men in field-grey uniforms.

## 10s. For Bad Coin Of Charles I's Day

While digging a grave in Long Crenon (Bucks) churchyard, Mr. George Cunnison, the sexton, turned up a Charles I half-crown.

Such coins are by no means rare, but when Mr. Cunnison took his find to Oxford Museum they told him they were glad to have it, and rewarded him with a ten shilling note. Reason—the coin was counterfeit.

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### DEATH

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

Wednesday, May 1, 1940.

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### Parliament's New Technique

The British House of Commons to-day presents a strangely different aspect from that of a year or two ago. Then it was deeply divided on major questions of foreign policy, some of which could not be raised without fierce debate. Now its temper is completely altered. It is more like a large committee of persons assembled to deal with a matter of common interest and to pool their knowledge with a view to attaining results.

The parties under their leaders sit in their accustomed places, and the spokesmen of Labour and the Liberals duly rise to make their comments on ministerial utterances. But apart from occasional echoes of old social controversies, party feeling is largely in abeyance. All groups—or at least all the more important groups—are in agreement about the main requirements for war, about conscription, and the need of making everything else secondary to the efficient prosecution of war. If it is true that the party system is the essence of Parliamentary government, then it might be supposed that Parliamentary government had ceased.

But, on the contrary, Parliament has by no means ceased to function. It is extremely active, although the form of its activity is not that to which politicians are accustomed. Criticism is ceaseless, but in the main it is the criticism of individuals listening to the voice of the man-in-the-street rather than that of a political party. It is heard just as often from conservative members as from the Opposition.

The House of Commons has become a sort of watch-dog for the public, ceaselessly reminding an Executive that it has to reckon with public opinion and must march in step with it.

Many members regard it as one of their most important functions to extract information from the Government, not for handing it on to the public, but that their own criticism may be informed. Hence the demand for occasional secret sessions. At a secret session it is expected that information will be imparted to Members for their own use so that they can more effectively discharge their critical duties.

Parliament is playing a democratic role effectively, but not in the least in the usual Parliamentary way, or according to the tradition. Is it possible that a House of Commons which can so change its procedure in this way may evolve a new technique which in time may fundamentally modify the party system?

# OSLO WAS BETRAYED BY NAZI PLOTTERS WITHIN HER GATES

## First Full Narrative of Germany's Penetration of the Fjord Defences and Seizure of the City

For the first time, in the despatch published below, the full story is revealed in Hongkong of the treachery among Nazi supporters in Norway and highly-placed officials which made possible to the German Navy and Army their unchallenged entry into Oslo.

It reveals that an order, forged in the name of Dr. Koht, Norway's Foreign Minister, forbade resistance by the warships at the naval base in Oslo Fjord; and that the electrically controlled minefields in the Narrows were rendered harmless as part of the plot.

Our contributor was also an eye-witness of the strange and bewildering events of the hours which followed the occupation and describes the "triumphant march" of the German troops—at that time numbering only some 1,500—through the principal boulevard. He tells of the embargo of the German censorship on all messages from Oslo to the outer world; his despatch now brings to light a story which was "crying to be told."

### BY AIR MAIL FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

#### STOCKHOLM.

FOR the first time the story behind Germany's paralysing twelve-hour invasion of Norway on Tuesday, April 9, can be told.

Between midnight and noon on that bewildering day Norway's capital, all her principal seaports and her most strategically valuable coastal defences fell into German hands like overripe plums.

Norwegian people were stunned, as the seignior people must have been stunned in 1914, and most of them still have not the slightest conception how this incomprehensible tragedy could have happened. I spent those hours in Oslo, together with two other American newspapermen who were on the spot—Warren Irvin, of the National Broadcasting Corporation, and Edmund Stevens, of the Christian Science Monitor—and we ourselves could scarcely believe the evidence of our eyes. But I had to remain in Oslo through four days of the German occupation to learn how this miracle of lightning naval and military occupation was made possible. Then I could scarcely believe my ears.

After that, with the last train connections with Sweden severed, Irvin and I decided to try somehow to get across the border.

**NOT SUBDUED BY ARMS**  
It was the only possible way to give a detailed account of the most astonishing thing that has happened since the second World War began.

Norway's capital and great seaports were not captured by armed force. They were seized with unparalleled speed by means of a gigantic conspiracy which must undoubtedly rank among the most audacious and most perfectly plotted political plots of the past century.

By bribery and extraordinary infiltration on the part of Nazi agents, and by treason on the part of a few highly placed Norwegian civilian and defence officials, the German dictatorship built its Trojan horse inside Norway.

Then, when the hour struck, the German plotters spiked the guns of most of the Norwegian navy and reduced its formidable fortresses to impotent ruins.

Complete control by only a handful of key men in administrative positions and in the Navy was necessary to turn the trick and everything had been faultlessly prepared.

The conspiracy was about 90 per cent. according to schedule. Only two or three places were it marred by unexpected hitches, but Norway's sea gates were already wide open.

For the success of the German plan the capture of three key cities was essential. These three were Oslo, Bergen and Narvik. It is reported that Narvik was betrayed to the Germans by its commanding officer. How Bergen's harbour defences were taken remains a mystery so far as I can learn. But most important of all to the Nazi plot was the immediate domination of Oslo Fjord, with its mighty fortresses, and the forcing of its virtually impregnable narrows at Drobak, together with the seizure of the great Norwegian naval base at Horten.

Only in this manner could the German penetrate to Oslo and deliver the almost irreparable blow to Norway's Parliamentary Government.

**AGAINST ARMY ADVICE**  
To seize the whole of Oslo Fjord and force its narrows would have appeared impossible to any foreign government except the Nazi Dictatorship; but by methods even more astonishingly efficient than those which it used against Austria or Czechoslovakia, the inconceivable was accomplished. Until now, I believe the outside world has had to guess how it was done.

To understand the scope of the conspiracy one must go back to some where near the climax of the plot. In Oslo I learned on most reliable authority that Germany's sea forces and troops sailed from the German ports for their Norwegian adventure during the night of Thursday, April 4—three full days before the British mined the upper Norwegian coast between Bergen and Narvik. I was also informed with impressive assurance that the German army chiefs strongly opposed Hitler on the plan to invade Norway, because they insisted that the communication lines for an army of occupation in Norway would be most dangerously limited and exposed.

The Nazi party's Radical leaders supported the Fuehrer in a decision taken against the counsel of the regular army chiefs.

On Friday night, April 5, while the German fleet and transports were already steaming towards Norway, an event of enormous historical import-

ance occurred at Oslo, and until now has probably never been reported. The German Legation held a soiree to which were invited 200 persons representing Norway's most influential personalities. All the members of the Government were invited, many of the defence forces, and officers of the defence forces, and industrialists. The invitation emphasised the importance of the soiree by stipulating white ties, uniforms and decorations.

#### "BAPTISM OF FIRE"

Despite the great formality imposed it was no official dinner. Norway's elite had been invited to see "an unusually interesting film." It proved to be the cinema film "Baptism of Fire," which depicts in most graphic details Germany's aerial destruction in Poland. For over an hour the distinguished Norwegian audience sat in icy silence, gripped by the horror of the scenes. Afterwards the German Minister explained to the host that the film was not a war but a peace film, since it showed what nations which chose peace would save their people German Legation that night filled with gloomy ominous thoughts.

In Oslo, I learned that Major Quisling, leader of the pro-Nazi Norwegian party called the Samling and to-night Premier of the so-called "National Government" set up after the German occupation, was in Berlin at the time the film was being shown in Oslo and while the expedition was being organised. He returned to Oslo on Sunday, April 8.

On Sunday night the British sowed the minefields below Narvik. On Monday Berlin's Press flamed against "provocation." In the first hours of Tuesday, April 9, Norway's naval defences were betrayed to the German fleet and the first German troops were landed at Fornebo, Oslo's airport, a few hours after daybreak.

This brings us to the methods by which Oslo Fjord and Oslo itself were captured from the sea in the early morning hours of April 9. The Germans could not enter without controlling the vital Norwegian waterway. At 1.30 that morning—three and a half hours before Berlin's ultimatum was handed to Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister—the commander of three Norwegian warships at Horten received an urgent message. It was to Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, supposedly signed by Koht himself, and was accepted as coming direct from the Government via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It ordered the Norwegian ships not to fight against German warships which were about to come up the fjord, and to put all their men ashore immediately—without the arms.

Without questioning the origin of the order the commander ordered all his men ashore except stokers and messmen. Here one slight hitch occurred which was costly for the Germans. The Norwegian minister Olav Trygve, who had unexpectedly put in for repairs the previous evening. Her presence was apparently unknown to the leaders of the conspiracy in Oslo. This was the only Norwegian war vessel which did not receive the order and thus she remained in a condition to fight.

Afterwards the Norwegian sailor who verified these developments declared: "It was only through treason that the Germans got in." Meanwhile, an even greater coup had been scored by the plotters. The Narrows of Oslo Fjord were mined and controlled from Drobak. About 1.30 on the morning of April 9 these mines were all rendered harmless by being electrically disconnected from the Drobak control. The mystery of who ordered this to be done remained unsolved when I left Oslo, but this move enabled the German cruiser to penetrate the Narrows before dawn.

**"Nothing We Could Do"**  
At 4.30, still half an hour before the German Minister handed the Nazi ultimatum to Dr. Koht, a German cruiser, believed to have been the Emden, accompanied by two submarines, reached Horten. The three Norwegian war vessels there were completely helpless, but the little minelayer Olav Trygve blocked the entrance to the Narrows. She immediately discharged torpedoes and sank the cruiser and one submarine.

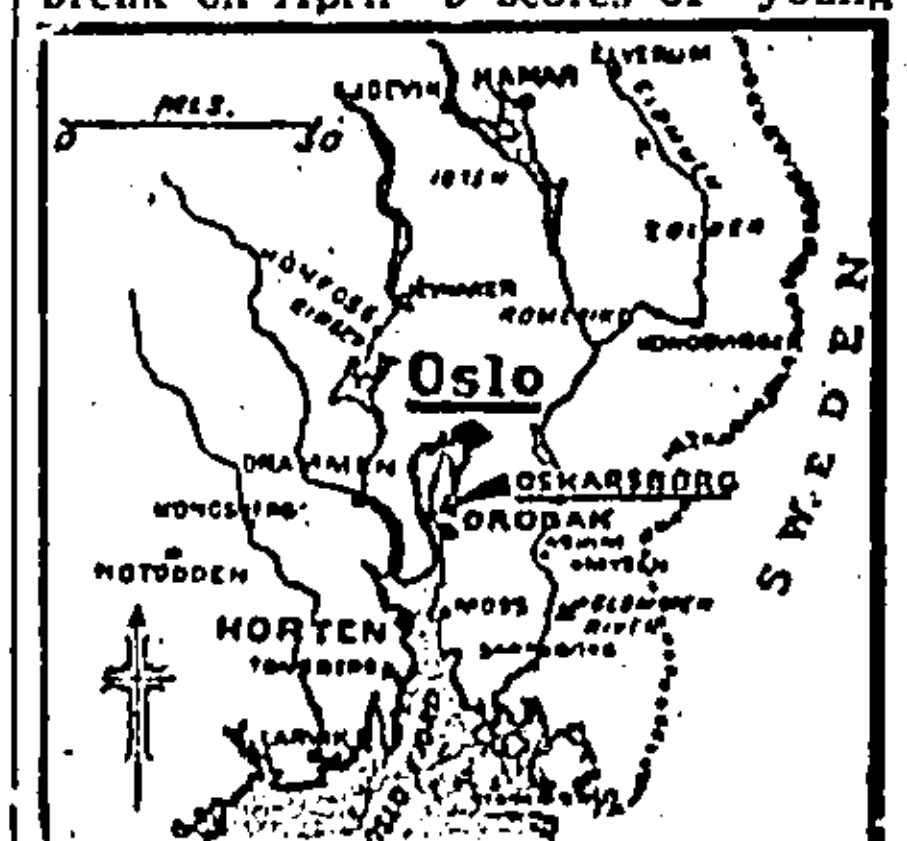
It was reported, though I am unable to confirm this, that the cruiser Bluecher also was sunk by gunfire from the Narrows fort called Oskarborg.

In any case the crews of all the other war ships were ashore without arms at Horten; by daybreak the Germans had landed marines and seized Horten. The way through the Narrows was open and Oslo was defenceless from the sea. I talked to another Norwegian who was one of the Horten naval base personnel that night. He confirmed all the main details of the above

events including the fact that two German cruisers were sunk. "Later the Germans got about 100 men ashore. There was some fighting. We had four men killed and the Germans two. But there was nothing we could do. The officers of our ships ran up white flags. We did not know why and I still do not know why. We thought they had orders from the Government."

In this fashion Norway's capital was betrayed from within and the German occupation of Oslo assured before its Government knew what had happened or Parliament had courageously refused to capitulate.

Before the Germans had captured Horten, the Oslo Government had already ordered mobilisation as a precaution. Accordingly, before daybreak on April 9 scores of young



The Sea Approach to Oslo

Norwegians reported at Horten Railway Station. They were immediately rounded up by German marines of the landing party and placed aboard the German ships which had come up.

Meanwhile we had spent an eerie night at Oslo's Grand Hotel, with a succession of air raid alarms, of which the first sounded 35 minutes after midnight, about the time the mobilisation was ordered.

At first I did not understand the alarm, as the sirens were distant from those of Helsinki and sounded like motor-cars honking in a traffic jam. Later Stevens and I decided that the Norwegians were only rehearsing the air alarm as a precaution. So I refused to get up until seven o'clock. Then a Finnish diplomat informed me of the ultimatum and the Government's decision to leave.

At 7.45, while we still had not the slightest idea what had happened in Oslo Fjord and at Horten, five Nazi bombers suddenly came roaring over the rooftops so low that they almost touched them. We watched, then came, expecting every moment that bombs would fall. For two and a half hours German planes dived over the city, always only three or five in number. They were intended to terrorise the populace into surrender and the authorities into inaction while the first troops were being landed by air at Fornebo, outside the city.

Thousands of Osloans gazed at them curiously and fearfully, but there was no panic. None of us dreamed that German warships were in the inner harbour and that Oslo was already doomed. We still thought that British ships and planes might come at any moment. It seemed utterly incredible that the Narrows could have been forced by the Germans and the powerful forts of the fjord silenced.

The same madness of incomprehensible events continued all day long. First there was mystification over the city's complete lack of defence from its naval forces and coastal forts. Then it was the inability of the low-flying Nazi planes to the thousands of machine-gun bullets which splattered almost incessantly until after 10 o'clock. Then it was the further fact that only one anti-aircraft battery seemed to be firing against the German planes, and that even this became silent after firing only a few shells, all of which were inexplicably wide of their mark.

**Dazed Disorganisation**  
Finally, at 10.30 came an equally fantastic lull, during which the German planes only circled occasionally and absolutely nothing seemed to happen.

Tens of thousands of persons clustered in the streets and on the pavements, waiting, utterly baffled. We all asked where the British were, but also, where were the Germans? Meanwhile I had a great battle to get the Telegraph Office to accept a despatch without a special Government Press card. At nine o'clock in the morning Stevens and I could find no responsible chief at his post in the telegraph building; only groups of perplexed employees standing about in the corridors—those few who had reported for work. It was

only through the personal intervention of Mr. Raymond Cox, First Secretary, who remained in charge of the American Legation, that our first despatches were finally accepted. The only despatches which were allowed to pass for more than 24 hours.

Norway's capital in very quarter was a scene of dazed disorganisation, completely without leadership. Apparently even the men who had been called to go or simply forget about it. The streets were filled with men of fighting age, all standing watching the German planes, waiting and speculating but doing nothing and going nowhere.

It was like this until 2.30. Then, as I walked up to the hotel desk the porter asked me "Aren't you going out to see the Germans come in?"

"What do you mean, the Germans?"  
"Yes, they're marching up Carl Johan Boulevard any minute now." I called Irvin and Stevens; we rushed outside into the strangest scene imaginable. Oslo's beautiful main boulevard was jammed with people all flocking to see the Germans come in. Strangers of all were the Norwegian policemen calmly forming lines along the pavements clearing the streets for the Germans' triumphal entry. One policeman told me the Germans would be there within 10 minutes.

At this and what follows I told in a despatch which I handed in that afternoon—but the Germans had just taken over the telegraph building and I learned two days later that not a line of the despatch was ever sent.

Meanwhile we supposed that the world knew most of the story. We waited half an hour on the hotel balcony with an excellent view all the way up the boulevard to its beginning at the foot of the hill on which the Royal Palace stands.

#### The Marching Column

Shortly before three o'clock two lorries filled with a dozen German soldiers rolled along the street. Soldiers lolled in them with rifles dangling as if they had been assured that they had not the slightest resistance to fear. From the rear of the second lorry—two machine-guns poked their noses out, straight down the boulevard. Their crews lay prone, with intent, hard faces, ready to fire. This was the only show of force and all that was needed.

At 3.3 a murmur ran through the crowd. We could see two mounted men swinging into the boulevard in front of the Palace then six more, then the head of a marching column in field-grey. The mounted men were Norwegian policemen actually escorting the German troops which were occupying the capital. We looked on with uncomprehendingly. Later I was told that the Norwegian policemen never carry any kind of arms; this also was why they failed to fulfil the Government's order to arrest Quisling.

The German column marched steadily nearer through a lane of 20,000 or 30,000 Osloans, fully half of whom were men of military age. A tall, broad-shouldered officer, Gen. von Falkenhorst, and two other officers marched directly behind the mounted police. Then came the German regulars in column of threes, as if to make the line look as long as possible. One out of nine carried light machine-guns; all carried compact aluminium kits and bulky shoulder-packs.

They were hard-muscled, stony-faced men. They marched with rifles on shoulders with beautiful precision. Mostly they stared straight ahead, but some could not restrain triumphant smiles in the direction of the onlookers.

#### Greeted With Nazi Salute

Several times Falkenhorst and the other two officers returned the Nazi salutes of persons in the crowd, whom must have been German advance agents and had been busy in Oslo for weeks before this crowning moment.

From our hotel balcony two Nazis gave the salute. I noticed in particular the heaving face of a thin, slim, blonde German woman whose husband had been very active in our hotel since we arrived the previous Thursday.

It was a thin, unbelievably short column. It required only six or seven minutes to march past. It was composed only of two incomplete battalions—surely less than 1,500 men in all.

Norway's capital of nearly 300,000 inhabitants was being occupied by a German force of approximately 1,500 men.

The last of the German troops went by without a single cheer or hiss, without a single tear noticeable on any Norwegian face. Like children—

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## SUBMARINE LOSSES

Britain Forfeits Only Seven So Far

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Since the beginning of the war Britain has only lost seven of the 57 submarines she then had. This figure includes the two latest losses of the submarines Tarpon and Sterlet, which were reported last night to be overdue. One of these seven submarines was sunk as a result of an accident. This is a remarkable figure in view of the many dangerous operations which the submarines of the Royal Navy have been called on to perform.

### Heavy Damage Inflicted

The damage they have inflicted is well illustrated by British Admiralty figures which show that in the last three weeks the Germans have lost 40 transport supply ships. Of these 20 were sunk, another was scuttled, one was set on fire and another 10 were hit by torpedoes and probably sunk. There have also been an unknown number sunk by mines in Skagerrak. The Germans themselves admit officially that they have lost 11 ships but claim that these were all small ships carrying not over 300 men. They claim that the total loss of men could not be more than 3,000. Unofficial German sources and neutral sources, however, believe that the Allied mines and torpedoes have taken a much greater toll of transport supply ships and that troop losses are in the thousands.

## R. A. F. Pilots Decorated

Brilliant Work At Stavanger

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The announcement is made in the "London Gazette" to-day of awards given to Air Force officers who participated in the attacks on the Stavanger aerodrome and seaplane base in April.

A bar to the D.S.O. was given to Wing-Commander Basil Edwards Embury who took part in two successful attacks by a squadron of 12 planes. In the first attack one of his engines failed before he reached the objective and in the second attack he suffered frost bite.

### He Got Through

Flying Officer William Henry Edwards was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He piloted one of 12 planes, and reached and attacked the target despite a heavy snow storm and heavy anti-aircraft fire.

When returning he attacked and hit a Dornier seaplane. The following day he piloted one of six aircraft which went to attack Stavanger aerodrome and seaplane base.

The weather was so bad that five of the aircraft were compelled to abandon the task but Flying Officer Edwards got through and attacked the objectives. He also obtained valuable information.

A distinguished Flying Cross has also been awarded to Flight-Lt. Peter Woodbridge Townsend who shot down an enemy aircraft over the North Sea in April. This was his third success.

## Japan And The Far East

Seeks To Guarantee Its Status Quo

TOKYO, May 1, (Reuter).—Japan may open negotiations with various countries for defence agreements to prevent Far Eastern countries from becoming involved in the European war, the "Miyako Shimbun" reported to-day.

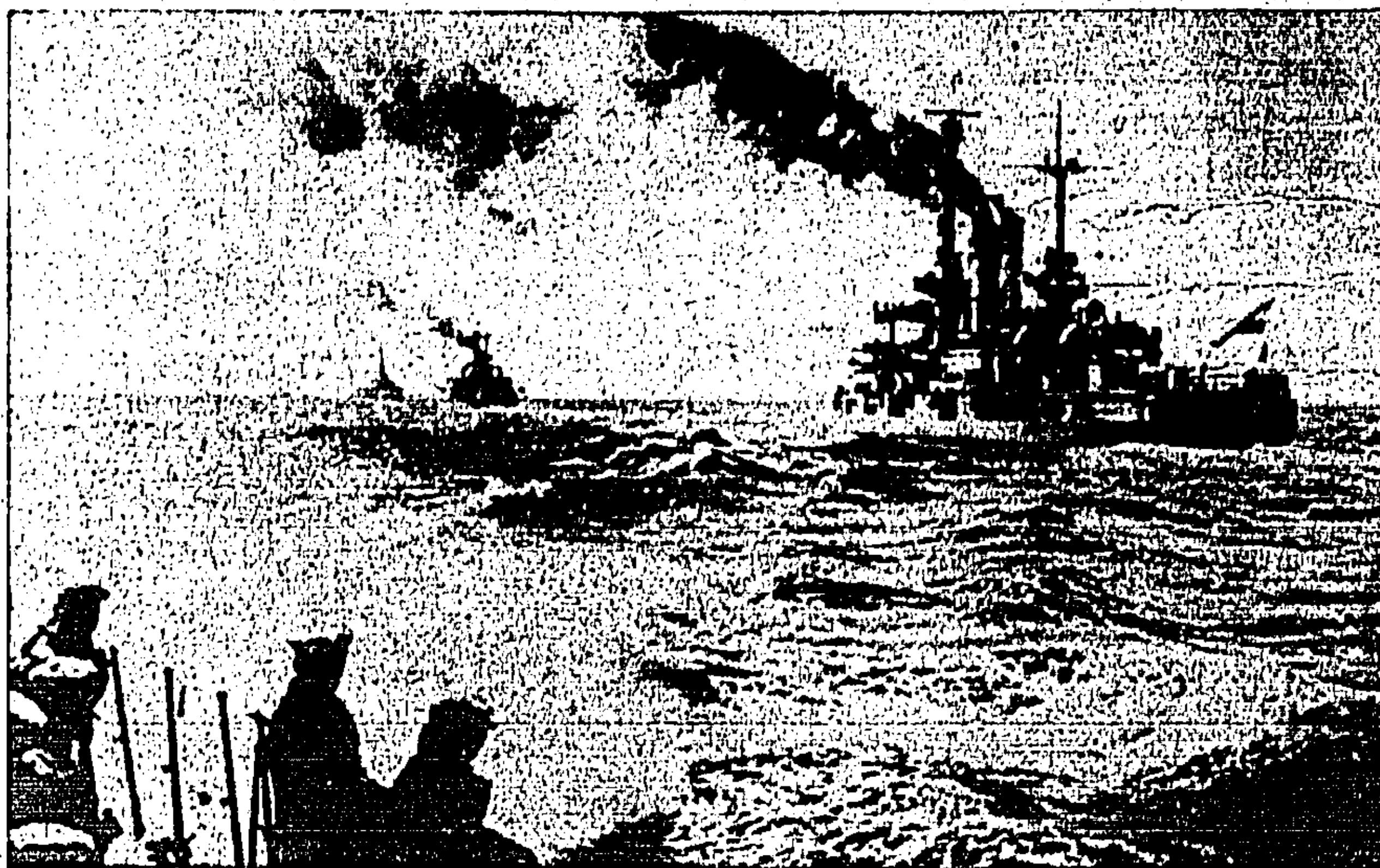
The paper understands that the Japanese Government intends to endeavour to maintain the status quo in Far Eastern countries having direct or indirect relations with various European Powers and to prevent their becoming involved in the conflict.

## 12TH. HEAVY REGT. WIN ARMY SPORTS

GATHERING 138 POINTS, 12th. Heavy Regt. won the championship of the Hongkong Army sports meeting, the finals of which were held at the Polo Ground, Kowloon yesterday. Second place was taken by 8th. Heavy Regt., and third by the Middlesex Regiment.

Mrs. A. E. Grassell, wife of Major-Gen. A. E. Grassell, presented the prizes.

Results:—Throwing the Discus—Middlesex. Putting the Weight—H.K.S.A. Throwing the Hammer—Royal Scots. Long Jump—Royal Scots. High Jump—1. 8th A. A. Regt. and 8th. Heavy Regt. (tie). Throwing the Javelin—Middlesex. Three Miles Team Race—Rajputana Rifles. Pole Vault—H.K.S.A. Two Miles Relay—12th. Heavy Regt. 500 Yards Relay—12th. Heavy Regt. One Mile Relay—St. Joseph's College. Boys Race—Boy Plumer (Royal Scots); 2. Boy Harrington (Middlesex). One Mile Team Race—12th. Heavy Regt. 400 Yards Relay—12th. Heavy Regt. One Mile Relay—Royal Scots. 400 Yards Relay—Middlesex. 120 Yards Relay—12th. Heavy Regt. 120 Yards Relay—12th. Heavy Regt.



## Hungary As Tool Of Hitler Intrigue

## NAZI ATTEMPT TO CONTROL DANUBE

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Diplomatic circles here expect that Germany will shortly create a pretext for the dispatch of gunboats to strategic points on the Yugoslav and Rumanian reaches of the Danube.

The first attempt to attain this object was foiled on April 17 when Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Bulgaria signed an agreement in which each State was responsible for policing its own part of the Danube.

But Germany's hand is seen here in a new Hungarian proposal. The proposal suggests that the policing of a sector comprising the Iron Gate Narrows shall be entrusted to an international Squadron under a definition which would include Germany.

Rumania and Yugoslavia have already definitely rejected Hungary's proposal. Bulgaria has not yet replied.

### Bulgaria's Policy

BUCHAREST, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Press gives an exceptional welcome to a statement by the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, that if any of Bulgaria's neighbours are threatened by war Bulgaria will do nothing to aggravate the situation. This is regarded in political circles here as an important milestone on the road to Balkan unity.

The papers point out that this is the first time that M. Popoff has definitely stated that Balkan solidarity is the basis of Bulgaria's foreign policy.

## St. Louis Nose Out Yankees

NEW YORK, Apr. 30 (UP).—The New York Yankees were again defeated in the American Baseball League to-day, being nosed out 2-1 by the St. Louis Browns.

The complete scores were:  
AMERICAN LEAGUE  
St. Louis ..... 2 5 1  
New York ..... 1 2 1

Chicago ..... 9 12 0  
Boston ..... 4 6 4  
Cleveland ..... 10 13 1  
Philadelphia ..... 5 12 0  
Detroit ..... 4 9 2  
Washington ..... 9 13 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Philadelphia ..... 6 11 1  
Pittsburgh ..... 2 8 0  
Brooklyn ..... 3 5 3  
Cincinnati ..... 0 0 0  
(Carter pitched for the Dodgers).  
Boston ..... 7 12 0  
Chicago ..... 8 13 2

The New York-St. Louis game was postponed on account of rain.

## Classification Of Ponies

The following alterations and additions to the classification lists of ponies of the Hongkong Jockey Club have been made:

Australian ponies.—Fair Chance and Franklin to "D" class; Comedy Star, Maple Star and Spring Time to "C" class.  
China ponies.—Clember and Distinctive Time to "A" class; Hurricane to "C" class; March Brown and Starlet to "D" class.

## Morton Beat Clyde

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Playing away, Morton beat Clyde by 3-0 to-day in the Western Section of the Scottish Regional soccer league.

## League Rugby

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In the English Rugby League to-day, Keighley beat Huddersley by 21 points to 11.

## Half Germany In Depths Of Despair

NEW YORK, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A stirring of feeling among the German people is reported by Mr. William Russell, of the United States Embassy in Berlin.

Mr. Russell returned recently to the United States. Although 50 per cent. of the people were happier since the invasion of Norway and Denmark, he said, the other 50 per cent. were in the depths of despair.

Not many Germans think that they will win the war.

## U.S. STOCKS TO BE SOLD

CANBERRA, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Austrian shareholders in 19 United States companies and one Canadian company have been ordered to dispose of their holdings of specified dollar stocks within six months and to lodge the net proceeds in the New York account of the Commonwealth Bank.

The transactions should realise \$5,000,000 and the owners will receive the equivalent Australian value.

## Saturday Shoot At Stonecutters

TWENTY-EIGHT MEMBERS attended the shoot at Stonecutters on Saturday last. Conditions were quite good at 200 and 500 yards, but the light proved very bad at 600 yards.

A. C. Chan, H.K.P.R., won the net spoon for the aperture sight class with a score of 97. The net spoon for the Open Sight was won by L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios, H.K.V.D.C., who scored 90.

Leading scores on Saturday were:  
APERTURE SIGHTS  
Sgt. R. J. Heep Sr. .... 29 32 34 95  
Mr. J. A. Guard Sr. .... 31 32 33 96  
Cpl. F. P. Sequeira ..... 29 34 31 94  
Sgt. G. F. Heese Sr. .... 31 31 31 94  
Sgt. P. H. G. P. Carver ..... 31 33 30 94  
Mr. W. Trenouth Sr. .... 32 33 28 93  
Mr. J. C. Biles ..... 30 33 28 91  
Cadet J. C. Eager Nil ..... 31 31 28 90  
Mr. H. J. S. Blake Sr. .... 30 28 28 86  
Pte. N. C. Thorne ..... 31 28 30 89  
Cpl. F. Cole ..... 31 28 28 87  
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios 7 27 32 66

Sgt. M. F. Rushman Sr. .... 27 31 29 87  
Mme. Jas. Fletcher 7 ..... 29 29 29 87  
L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier 5 ..... 27 29 28 84  
Mr. W. K. Gillman Sr. .... 31 28 27 86  
Mme. S. Croft Sr. .... 29 28 28 85  
P.C. S. T. Young 6 ..... 27 28 28 83  
Pte. N. C. Thorne 14 ..... 28 27 31 86  
Cpl. F. Cole ..... 31 28 28 87  
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios 7 27 32 66

Pls. A. M. Xavier 9 ..... 30 19 28 77  
M. H. S. Jones 9 ..... 30 22 25 77  
(N) Winner of Net Spoon. (H) Winner of Handicap Spoon. Winner of (N) or (H) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

## This Month's Programme

The programme for May at the Kowloon City ranges is as follows:  
To-day.—Spoon and practice shoots at 300, 500 and 600 yards, commencing at 1.45 p.m.  
May 8.—Spoon and practice shoots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, commencing at 1.45 p.m.  
May 15.—Spoon and practice shoots at 300, 500 and 600 yards.  
May 22.—Programme to be announced later by the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

THIS PHOTOGRAPH was issued recently by the German Propaganda Ministry and purports to show the Nazi Fleet at sea. But it was taken before the ill-starred Norwegian adventure. Domei photo.

## Statement On Norway

Premier Hopes To Speak This Week

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition, asked Mr. Chamberlain whether he would be able to make a statement on Norway.

The Prime Minister said that he desired to make a statement as soon as possible and, while not wishing to be pledged, he expected to be able to make this statement this week. Mr. Attlee said that while they all recognised the need for care in giving information while operations were in progress, he expressed the hope that the Prime Minister would give the fullest possible information at the earliest time possible.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "That is my intention."

## Tributes To Gallant Men

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Tributes to the gallantry of the Expeditionary Force in Norway were paid by the British Press yesterday. The "Yorkshire Post" condemns irresponsible criticism of the campaign and says that one must consider what is being done in the light of the great difficulties involved.

The paper praises the heroic work of the Allied troops who are gravely handicapped by the Nazi advantage in the air.

Even Nazis Paid Tribute

The "Daily Mail" comments that the German communiqué on Monday had to pay tribute to the stubborn resistance of our forces. "The Times" says that the local superiority which the Germans have so far had in the air does not justify the exaggerated claims put forward by Berlin.

For instance, the German air force failed to prevent the landing of Allied troops. But, continues the paper, it is now highly necessary to overcome this superiority.

## SWEDISH BAN ON FOREIGNERS

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In a manifesto to-day a decree was announced that further duties in Sweden were closed to foreigners. The ban extends to the island of Gotland and certain parts of Stockholm province, Gothenburg province except Gothenburg town, and the district of Jamtland province which is opposite the Norwegian town of Trondheim.

## PAY VISIT TO THE WEST FRONT

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Hon. Mr. Norman MacLeod Rodgers, Minister of Defence in Canada, and the Hon. Mr. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London, yesterday visited the Western Front.

They drove to the British Headquarters from Paris.

## Italian Cabinet Meets To-day

ROME, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini will preside over the Cabinet on May 1. It is announced that the Cabinet henceforth will assemble on the first day of each month. Political circles believe that tomorrow's meeting will deal with negotiations between Britain and Russia, Yugoslavia and Russia and trade talks between Britain and Italy.

## HOT R.A.F. AIR RAID

Fornebu Becomes An Inferno

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Last night's air raid on Fornebu started shortly after midnight and lasted over an hour.

Numerous high explosive bombs were dropped and bursts were seen spreading across the landing ground.

### Attacks Pressed Home

In the absence of the moon, parachute flares were dropped to facilitate observation. Strong opposition from gun batteries and searchlights developed, but all attacks were pressed home and considerable damage is believed to have been done to the airport and aircraft.

One British aircraft failed to return.

## New Leak In Blockade

Nazi Plane Services With Neutrals

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Mr. H. H. Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, was asked in the House of Commons to-day what steps he was taking to check aerial traffic to and from Germany, especially over routes leading from Spain and Portugal, and connecting with Pan-American trans-Atlantic routes to the United States. Mr. Cross replied that as aircraft do not land in Allied territory in the normal course of their journeys it is difficult to check them without some arrangements with the neutrals concerned.

The possibilities are being examined. Mr. Cross added that he certainly was not satisfied with the position and that he was doing everything he could.

## HITLER WILL KEEP QUIET

No May Day Harangue This Year

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—For the first time since he came to power, Hitler will not make a speech to celebrate Labour Day.

The only speech scheduled for May 1 is by Rudolf Hess, Deputy Fuehrer, to members of the Krupp Works at Essen.

The speech is not expected to contain any sensations.

## HIRED MERCHANT VESSELS

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—An agreement on the tariff hire of requisitioned merchant vessels has been reached, according to a statement by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Shipping, in the House of Commons to-day.

Under an agreement with representatives of deep sea tramp owners, a scale of rates has been fixed, based on six shillings per deadweight ton per month for steam vessels of 8,000 tons deadweight and above from March 1.

The corresponding rate for the previous period since the beginning of requisitioning was 5s. 6d.

## Lively Session Of Stock Exchange

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, gilt-edged stocks and Indian loans were bought on investment and support owing to the release of funds following payment for United States securities recently requisitioned by the authorities. Elsewhere movements were irregular, but gold-minings were finally brighter on stronger support. Wall Street was irregular.

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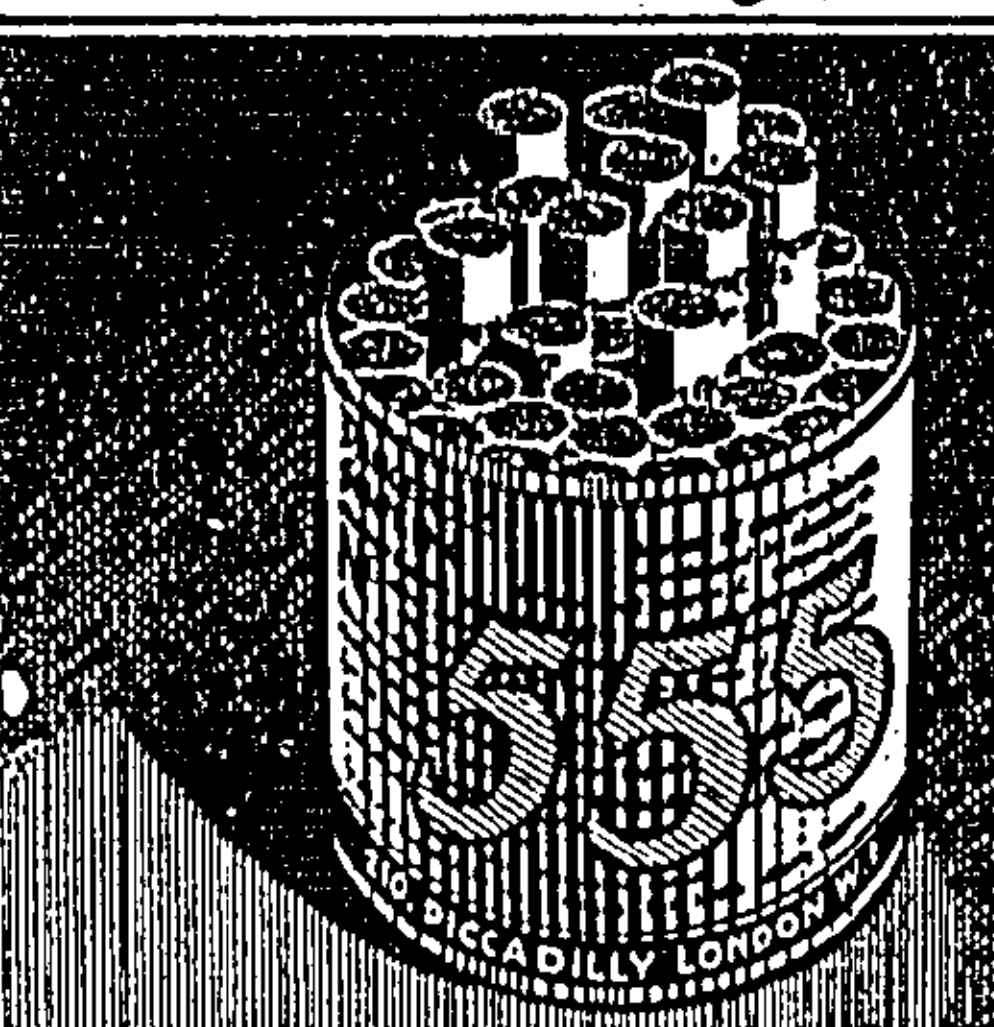
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Very few people were able to go out to the Country Club, Sheungshui, last week-end, and there were only about a dozen players on the nine-hole course. A foursome in the afternoon set out on this experiment, and a really very enjoyable 18 holes were played.

The longest possible hole was from the 6th tee to the 8th green, and it measured, I should think, a little over 600 yards. The shortest was from the 8th tee to the 7th green—about 40 yards. It would take a mathematician, with permutations and combinations to work out all the possible variations to a course—I think it runs into hundreds.

One of the most interesting holes on Sunday was from the 7th tee to the 3rd green, cutting across the 6th fairway (that is why the course has to be empty). The player with the honour had the nomination of the next hole, but in going first he gave away information to the others by the number of the club and the place where he landed. In the selection of this hole—comparative short—the accepted lay-out of a hole was reversed. There was no rough ground to penalise a duffed tee shot—but there was very broken country to trap the one who failed to pitch on the green.

There is an endless variety to be got out of playing a course in this manner—and in its playing, some excellent ideas are to be had for future alterations.

GENE Sarazen, America's nomination as the outstanding golfer of the past decade, has joined with Bert Montresser in voicing the opinion that Sam Snead is the man of the future—and not so far off. Montresser has a nation wide reputation in America for being able to spot a golfer's troubles at a glance, and to him have gone several of the professionals for hints.

"He hasn't reached the peak yet," said Sarazen, "but when that man starts to win, he's not going to win by only two strokes, but by ten." "Snead is you man," says Montresser. "Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen, Walter Hagen and some of the

other boys were top men during their time, but Sam is over them all. He'll be first in the field for at least ten years."

"He hasn't reached his peak yet. Everyone doesn't know it, but Sam hasn't been able to play his best game for two years. When he's really hot he'll tear the course apart, and turn in scores that will make them look like miniature set-ups."

According to Montresser, Snead's success lies in his perfect balance. In making his swing he does so with an arc that is at least a foot longer than does anyone else. Consequently he has made himself the most consistent long driver the world has ever known.

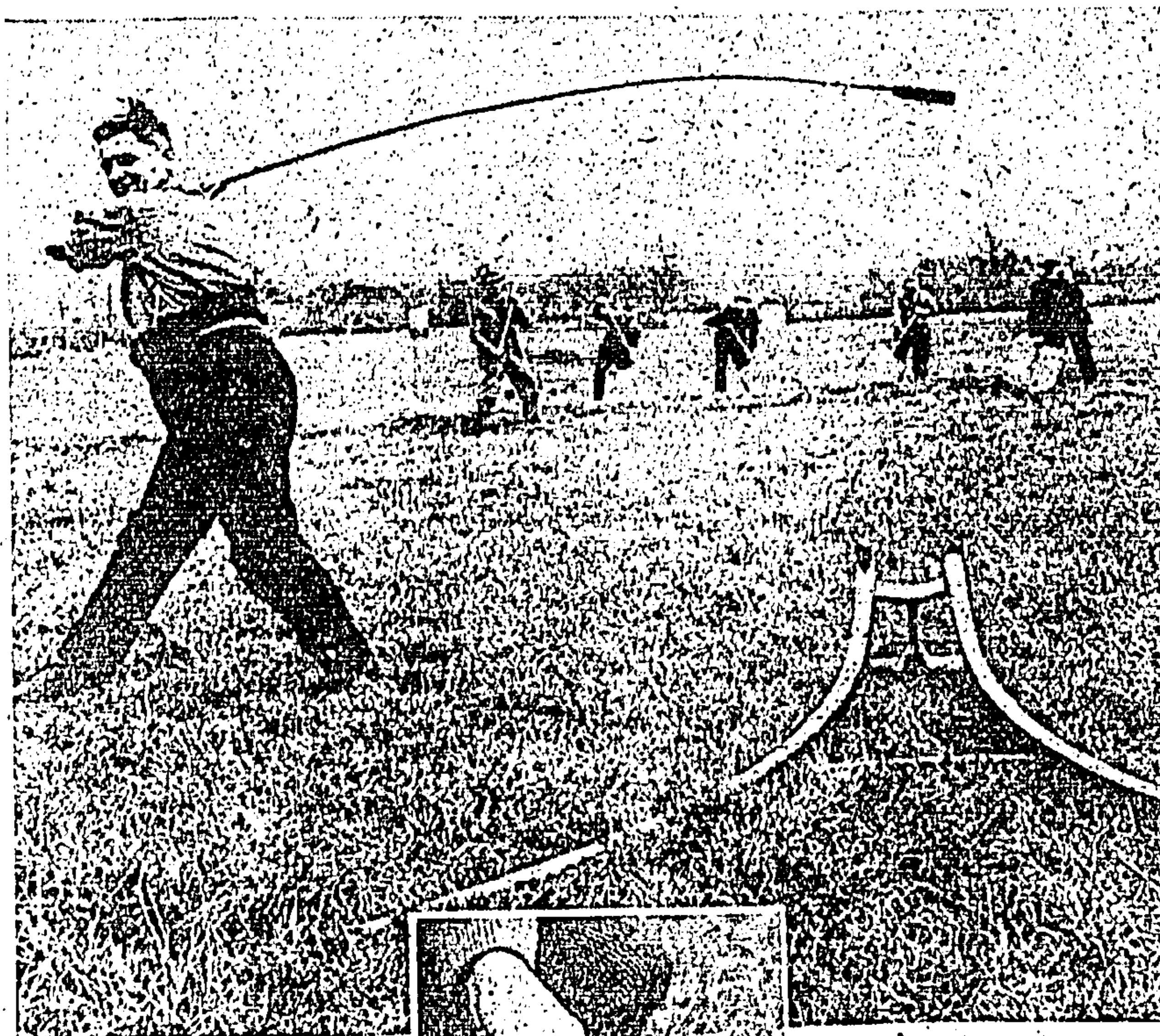
Though Jimmy Thomson will hit three woods, and make golfing his sport with one of them, the other two shots will shoot off into the trees. Snead will do the same thing, and though he may not match Thomson's best drive, his average will be far better—straight and anything between 250 to 350 yards down the fairway, depending on the state of the turf.

"One time we were playing a tournament out in Chicago," went on Montresser. "We started out in threesomes. I was to do the No. 4 course and a pair toured No. 1. I must have been on my game that day, because I came in with a 70. It made me feel pretty good. Thought I must have broken a record. But a few minutes later Snead walked in with a 64."

"When that boy finally gets to the point where he can play his best game, nobody will ever beat him. Wait and see. He's by far the greatest golfing machine the world has yet seen."

THE Swiss had a word for the ancient game shown in the picture. It was hornuss—or in English, hornet. It is a combination of golf and baseball, and the name comes from the buzzing sound made by the hornuss through the air. It is

## GOLF CUM-BASEBALL IN SWITZERLAND



Swinging into action. The outfield are playing close in for the benefit of the photographer. A sturdy Swiss about to send the hornuss on a 300-yard drive.

about 2½ inches in diameter and one inch thick, and though previously made of wood is now made of leather.

The "puck" is teed up on a rail about a foot from the ground, and is struck by a ten-foot ash pole. Three hundred yard drives are recorded, and the object of the fielders (armed with their peculiarly shaped bats) is to stop it, and in doing so save a point.

If the batter hits the hornuss three times out of bounds, he is "struck out" as in baseball.

The hornuss game is generally played in the early autumn when Switzerland's fields have been cut for the last time.

Antedating baseball and golf, the two sports that it most closely resembles, the game has grown in popularity since the beginning of the nineteenth century until in 1902 a special league was formed. The traditional home of the ancient game is Emmenthal, in the Bernese district, where it has been played for centuries past.



A close-up (left) of the hornuss being placed in position on the driving platform. It appears to have two grooves—one for a left handed batter.

## M. PAGH WINS CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

### B. C. Fay Defeated By Three Sets To One

M. PAGH GAINED the Hongkong Cricket Club Singles Tennis Championship yesterday beating B. C. Fay by 9-7, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 in the final. Pagh showed a far better control over his shots than did his opponent, and very deservedly took the title.

Fay's strongest point was his service, but in all other departments showed an erratic falling. He chose

## Open Tennis Singles Final To-day

The final of the Colony Open Tennis Singles Championship between Tsui Wai-pui, holder, and S. A. Rumjahn will take place this afternoon at the Hongkong Cricket Club Stand Court, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

the baseline game, and by so doing undoubtedly lost a number of points that he might conceivably have gained had he stormed the net following service.

There was a keen struggle for the first set, Fay had every opportunity of winning. He broke through at the tenth game, and in the succeeding game had two set points but failed with both. Pagh went into the lead, and eventually won the set at 9-7.

### QUICK SETS

PAGH outplayed his opponent in the second set to win easily by 6-1, but in the third set he either relaxed or lost touch for Fay took the set with a similar score.

The eventual winner took over control again in the fourth set, and though Fay was limping, apparently with an injured foot, Pagh was a worthy winner. Fay strove hard with his handicap, but even had his foot been well it is doubtful whether he could have won the match.

## LARGE UNITS HOCKEY FINAL

THE FINAL of the Large Units Hockey Tournament will take place to-morrow at Sookunpoo between the H.K.S.R.A. and the Kinson Rifles. Killy-off will be at 4.30 p.m.

## COLONY ATHLETIC MEET TO-MORROW

### South China Athletic Association Sponsors

ATHLETES IN THE COLONY should be looking forward to Thursday, when the All-Schools and Colony athletic meet will be held under the auspices of the South China Athletic Association, at Caroline Hill.

The meet will be run on three successive days, May 2, 3 and 4. The proceeds will be donated to War Relief funds.

Contests commence to-morrow, Thursday, at 9 a.m., when the competing schools will parade on the ground.

On the three days, school events will start at 10.30 a.m. after which events open to the Colony will be run.

Although not very many entries have been received, it has been decided to include a number of open events for women.

TWENTY-ONE OPEN EVENTS  
THERE ARE 21 open contests, but

owing to scarcity of entries only two necessitate heats—the 110 metres hurdles and 100 metres. Following are the open events, and dates:

May 2.—110 Metres Hurdles (heats), 100 Metres (heats), 400 Metres, High Jump, Discus Throw, 1,000 Metres Relay, 200 Metres Relay (women).

May 3.—400 Metres Hurdles, 100 Metres (heats), 400 Metres, Pole Vault, Shot Put, 100 Metres (women), Throwing the Baseball (women).

May 4.—100 Metres Hurdles (heats), 200 Metres, 1,000 Metres, Broad Jump, Javelin Throw, 400 Metres Relay, 50 Metres (women), Broad Jump (women), 400 Metres Relay (women).

## RACES AT NEWMARKET

LONDON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The first Spring two-year-old Stakes was won to-day by Luminary carrying 8 stone 9 lbs. Lord Derby's Estuary (8 st. 8 lbs.) was second, and Mrs. Arthur James's Counter-scarp (8 st. 9 lbs.) was third.

Five runs, the odds respectively were 4/1, 100/30 and 20/1. Distances were a short head and a short head.

## Junior Cricket League Play-off

THE PLAY-OFF for the Junior Cricket League Championship between the Indian Recreation Club and the Police R.C. will take place on the former's ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.

A neutral ground was unavailable.

## Bowls Fixture Re-arranged

In view of the above match, the Third Division Lawn Bowls fixture between the Indian R.C. and the Kowloon F.C. will now take place on the latter's rink.

## Recreio

### Bowls Rinks

### For Saturday

The following rinks have been chosen to represent the Club de Recrio in their opening Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday:

"A" v. Craigenover (home).—L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves.

L. J. Silva, M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. M. Silva.

J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva.

"B" v. Hongkong F.C. (home).—C. C. Pereira, D. C. S. Alves, A. P. Guterres and B. Basto.

F. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto.

C. E. Vas, J. E. Noronha, C. Rozza Pereira and J. E. Noronha.

Second Division v. Hongkong C.C. (away).—M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues and O. P. Pereira.

J. A. Remedios, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., C. M. S. Alves and F. Kvanovich.

F. A. Xavier, A. P. Pereira Jr., E. M. Remedios and E. Sousa.

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## First Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gala On May 25

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. held their first full-committee swimming meeting yesterday evening when it was decided to hold their first monthly swimming gala on Saturday, May 25, at 8 p.m.

The following events will comprise the programme:

Men members' 50 yards aggregate handicap.

Lady members' 50 yards aggregate handicap.

Mixed Novelties Race-Open.

Men Members' 150 Yards Medley Team race (teams of three).

Lady Members' 50 yards breast stroke handicap.

Men Members' 50 yards back-stroke handicap.

Members' Diving (Mixed)—Sealed handicap.

Men's 200 Yards Invitation free-style relay—Royal Scots, Middlesex Regt.

Combined Small Units and Y.M.C.A. Men's 50 Yards breast-stroke handicap.

Water-polo—Y.M.C.A. v. Army Champions (R. Corps Signals).

An informal dance will follow the gala which is expected to take about an hour and three-quarters.

Entries will close on May 18, and handicapping will be done on May 21.

Entrance fee for spectators will be 40 cents, and 30 cents for service-men.

## SPORT ADVTS.

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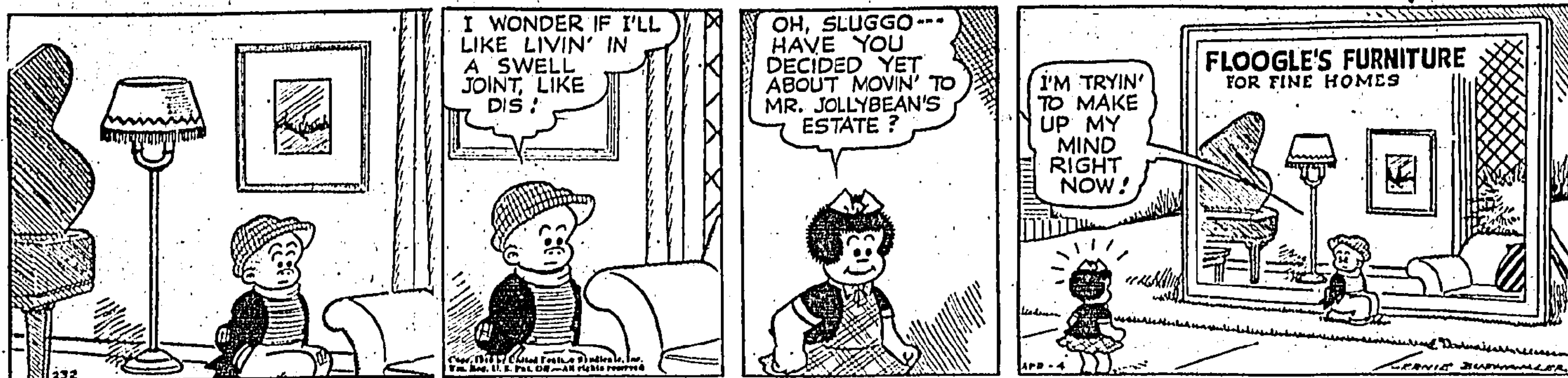
Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Rec Meeting to be held on Saturday, 11th and Monday, 13th May, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd May, 1940.

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## WITH THE DIGGERS IN PALESTINE

# Stalin Couldn't Wage a Big War Without Defeat-TROTSKY



AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN PALESTINE.—Men having the first meal on land after disembarkation in Palestine.

## NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE RESERVISTS

CANBERRA.—Those who suggested that the outbreak of war would result in an exodus of population from Canberra are being proved wrong in a manner which threatens to embarrass the Federal Government. The city is in the grip of a matrimonial epidemic. Announcements of engagements and marriages in the last seven months have broken all records, even in a city in which the marriage rate was already high. The Federal Government agree that it is to see the young people settling down, but satisfaction is tempered by dismay at the likelihood of the necessity for an early drive to attract typists to the public service to fill the vacancies. It may soon be necessary to bring girls from Melbourne and Sydney for this purpose. Moreover, the spate of weddings is accentuating the housing shortage, and those who look ahead foresee the necessity for bigger buildings for the baby boom and more wards in the hospitals.

**BOOKMAKER'S DEATH**  
BRISBANE.—Worry over cancellation of his bookmaker's licence by the Queensland Turf Club Committee has led to the death of James Henry Dully, aged 70, of Woolloowin, whose body was found in long grass at Albion.

Evidence to this effect was given by Constable A.V. Kirkwood at the inquest when it was stated Dully died of a heart attack from a gas in the left wrist, believed to have been self-inflicted with a pocket knife.

Constable Kirkwood said Dully appeared before the Licensing Committee of the Queensland Turf Club, when an inquiry into his finances was held. To be allowed to hold on the flat at metropolitan racecourses, a bookmaker required to have £150. Dully had not that amount and before being allowed to field he had to produce his money to the racecourse detective.

Constable Kirkwood said the Full Committee of the Turf Club refused Dully's nomination to field and his licence was revoked.

The inquest was closed.

**CANTEEN QUESTION**  
MELBOURNE.—The men at Torquay military camp drank 7,000 bottles of milk a day on the first two days after the milk bar opened at the camp, and it was reported at the Methodist Conference the installation of milk bars in Victorian camps has cost \$200.

The Conference passed a resolution commending the Federal Government for their decision in favour of "milk" canteens and urged all necessary action to ensure that the camps remained dry.

The Rev. O. A. Jenkins said the Conference was disturbed at a report that all the padres at a certain camp favoured "wet" canteens. The only padre in that camp at the time were two Roman Catholics, two Anglicans, and one representing the Baptist and Congregational Churches. The action of the lastnamed had been repudiated by the leaders of his churches.

**EN ZEDS FOR GENEVA**  
AUCKLAND (N.Z.).—The New Zealand Government will send a full de-

## STUDENT SOLDIER DOCTOR AIR MAN

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THE FIRST R.A.F. flying doctor since the war began has just gained his wings. He is senior medical officer at a fighter command stationed in the south of England. A South African, he fought in the last war as an infantryman in German East Africa.

After the war he studied medicine in England, and built up a successful practice. Then he took up flying, and got his "A" licence at a mid-lands flying club.

He bought his own machine, and with his family, did more than 200 hours' flying over Britain, Germany, France and Belgium.

Before the war, R.A.F. medical officers were given flying lessons, and more than 20 per cent. passed pilots' tests. Now wartime pressure on training schools has cut down their opportunities.

## M.F.H. Resigns

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For the seventh time in five years the Fernie Hunt, in Leicestershire, is without a master. Mr. Reggie Wright, forty-two-year-old sportsman, has resigned after thirteen months, and it is thought unlikely that any one will be found to take his place.

The hunt costs the master about £7,500 a year. The Fernie country is the most expensive in England.

Now, a committee will probably run the hunt. It was said last night that big economies are being made.

## TRUTH ABOUT RED ARMY

AFTER HIS WAR of aggression in little Finland, what will Josef Stalin, Dictator of Russia, do next? Scandinavia waits anxiously.

Here, Leon Trotsky, who knows so well the inner workings of Stalin's mind and Soviet diplomacy, answers the question with another: What can Stalin do next?

"The Soviet Union could not win a major war," he says.

By LEON TROTSKY

CAN WE EXPECT that the Soviet Union would come out of a great war without defeat? To this frankly posed question I will answer as frankly:

"If the war should remain only a war the defeat of the Soviet Union would be inevitable.

"In a technical, economic, and military sense imperialism is incomparably more strong. If it is not paralysed by revolution in the west, imperialism will sweep away the present Soviet regime."

To enumerate in advance all the factors of the coming dog-fight of the nations would be a hopeless task. In the bloody equation of war, there are too many unknown quantities. There are on the side of the Soviet Union immense favourable factors, both inherited from the past and created by the new regime. The experience of intervention during the civil war proved once more that Russia's greatest advantage has been and remains her vast spaces.

## Unlimited Man-Power Of The Soviet

Russia's second great advantage is her human reservoir. Having grown almost three million per year, the population of the Soviet Union has apparently now passed 170 million. A single recruiting class comprises about 1,300,000 men.

The strictest sorting, both physical and political, would throw out not more than 400,000. The reserves, therefore, which may be theoretically estimated at 18 million to 20 million, are practically unlimited.

But Nature and man are only the raw materials of war. The so-called military "potential" depends primarily upon the economic strength of the State. In this sphere the advantages of the Soviet Union by comparison with the old Russia are enormous.

Nevertheless the Soviet Union still remains a backward country. The mobilisation plans of the Red Army call for thirty to forty-five tanks per kilometre (44ths of a mile) of the active front. As a result of the Great War the navy was reduced from 549,000 tons in 1917 to 82,000 in 1928.

## Mighty Air Fleet —In Numbers

In January 1930 Tukhachevsky announced: "We are creating a powerful navy. We are concentrating our forces primarily upon the development of a submarine fleet." Still, the navy can pretend only to an auxiliary role in the defence of the coastal front.

But the air fleet has advanced mightily. The Red Army is producing in increasing numbers heavy bombing planes for long range action.

According to data appearing in the Press, the five-year plan of the Red Army for 1935 contemplated sixty-two air regiments capable of bringing simultaneously 5,000 aeroplanes into the line of fire.

Aviation is closely bound up with a branch of industry, almost nonexistent in Tsarist Russia, but lately advancing by leaps and bounds—chemistry. It is no secret that the Soviet Government does not believe for a second in the oft-repeated "prohibition" of the use of poison gas.

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## Women Who Put Winter Sports Before Having Babies

### Unbelievable Scenes In Our Consulting Rooms, Says Lord Horder

WHEN women who put going to winter sports before having children go to see their doctors "some of the scenes in our consulting rooms are unbelievable," said Lord Horder, the King's physician, recently.

He was speaking to the Eugenic Society in London, after Mrs. Dorothy Thurtle, who was the minority of one on the inter-departmental committee on abortion, had said:

"A woman who wants to go winter sporting, or who finds that a pregnancy would interfere with her activities during the season, has no difficulty in persuading certain medical men to perform a suitable operation at a price."

She added: "The working woman, on the other hand, whose condition might call for such an operation, has the greatest difficulty in getting it."

#### Each Case Treated On Its Merits

Lord Horder told the meeting: "I am familiar with those ladies who want to go to Switzerland for winter sports."

"Speaking for myself and for my fellow-practitioners in medicine, I must say that each case is treated on its merits."

"The reasons which are adduced by women are so numerous and so trivial that they spoil their cases before they finish."

"The Bourne case made it perfectly clear, and case law has it, that a doctor has a free hand to consider other aspects than the mere question whether a pregnant woman will die if she is not given the facility of abortion."

"It has been laid down that the doctor may take into account not merely the question of life and death, in deciding whether he shall relieve a woman of her pregnancy."

#### Doctors Put In The Pillory

"But we do ask for cover because every now and then, as in the Bourne case, a doctor gets pilloried, and maybe mulcted, and so much depends upon whether he has a judge who really knows what the position is, and whether he has colleagues who will come forward and waste a day or two to give him support."

"It would be good if we could not get these archaic laws off the Statute Book so that we could have really a free hand to carry out what the case law gives us permission to do, what is really in the patient's interest and what, I understand, public opinion would welcome."

(Mr. Alec William Bourne, an eminent gynaecologist and obstetrician, was charged at the Old Bailey with unlawfully using an instrument with intent to procure the miscarriage of a girl aged 14. He was found not guilty and was acquitted. The girl had been criminally assaulted.)

### "CODE" ALLEGATION Chinese Charged Under Defence Regulations

Mak King-wan, 51, Stock Exchange broker, was charged before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday with committing a breach of Defence Regulations.

He was alleged to have had in his possession two note-books containing English and Chinese characters which could be utilized for secretly conveying, receiving or recording information, contrary to the Regulations.

He was remanded for a week, on bail of \$200.

### LATE NEWS

## Saved Nine, Gets First Lifeboat V.C. of the War

COXSWAIN ROBERT CROSS, of the Humber, has won the first lifeboat V.C. of this war. He has been awarded the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's gold medal for conspicuous gallantry—the rescue on February 12 of nine men of the Grimsby trawler St. Gurth.

The St. Gurth went ashore in a gale and seas were breaking right over her; it was pitch dark and snowing heavily.

The lifeboat's crew was two short owing to illness, their vessel was damaged and one of the propellers was fouled by a rope and stopped.

Heavy seas continually knocked the men down, and the motor mechanic, standing at his engine controls in the cockpit, was just able to keep his chin above water.

Humber lifeboat has rescued 189 lives since the outbreak of war, and in these six months Coxswain Cross has also won the Institution's Silver Medal, its thanks on vellum and a job although I admit it was pretty special letter of thanks. He is holder rough."

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## German Bomber Crashes In Essex

### CARGO OF BOMBS EXPLODES

#### Several Civilians Taken To Hospital

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, APRIL 30 (UP). — ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WHICH WENT INTO ACTION AGAINST THREE NAZI BOMBERS OVER THE HUMBER TODAY BROUGHT DOWN ONE OF THE MACHINES WITH ITS FULL LOAD OF BOMBS.

There was a terrific explosion when the Nazi machine crashed to earth, the bombs blowing the machine and crew to smithereens.

The machine crashed between two houses, which were completely demolished. A number of adjoining houses remained with only the framework standing.

The Nazi crew were blown to pieces. Several civilians were injured and taken to hospital.

The force of the explosion staggered people as far away as a mile and broke windows for some distance around.

Police and troops immediately cordoned off the area, which is near a hospital.

#### Near Seaford

The Press is not permitted to reveal the name of the town where the incident occurred, but it is on the coast in the Humber district.

The plane crashed about 100 yards from the sea-front in the residential portion of the town.

In addition to wrecking the houses, the explosion hurled parts of the burning wreckage for a considerable distance, starting several fires which, however, were quickly quelled.

The incident occurred at 9 p.m. when three Nazi planes appeared overhead.

They were quickly picked up by searchlights and were soon blanketed in a barrage of A.A. fire.

After their companion crashed the remaining two machines disappeared towards the sea. Shortly afterwards heavy gunfire was heard, and searchlights criss-crossed the sky some distance away from the coast.

The planes were again heard at 11:30 p.m., but no further incident occurred.

#### 40 Sent To Hospital

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter). — Latest reports state that about 40 people were sent to hospital from injuries received in the Essex plane crash.

It is believed that some are still buried under the debris.

All five occupants of the plane, which was a Heinkel bomber, were killed.

There was a major explosion, followed by several minor ones, and the incendiary bombs started to blaze.

The work of the rescue parties was impeded by the black-out.

The crash occurred after firing had been heard. The plane flew low over the houses, losing height, and dropped a flare in an effort to find landing space.

## BRITISH PLANE FORCED DOWN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, April 30, (UP). — A British plane was forced to land at the Evere airfield near Brussels to-day.

It lost its way in a heavy thunder-storm.

HANKOW, May 1 (Domet). — Japanese naval units have effected a landing at Kiumtsai, on the east coast of Lake Tungting, according to a Japanese Naval announcement.

# BRITISH SHIPPING DIVERTED FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

## RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS BY ITALIAN LEADERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 30 (UP). — CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING BRITISH SHIPPING WHICH WOULD NORMALLY USE THE MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE.

It is authoritatively learned that these precautions have been adopted in view of recent Italian pronouncements.

As a result, British ships normally traversing the Mediterranean have been ordered to take the Cape route.

This affects shipping to and from India and the Far East.

### DIVERSION TO CAPE TOWN

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter). — It is authoritatively announced that recent pronouncements by responsible Italians have necessitated the British Government taking certain precautions regarding British shipping which would normally pass through the Mediterranean.

The British Government hope that circumstances will permit the cancellation of the precautions in the near future.

#### Italy And Hungary

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

No details are at present available regarding the precautions, but "Reuter" understands that they involve a diversion, to some extent, of British shipping via Cape Town instead of via Suez.

ROME, Apr. 30 (UP). — General Balbo's newspaper, "Corriere Padano," announces that "economic conversations" are taking place between Italy and Hungary.

The paper added that it foresees an Italian delegation proceeding to Budapest soon.

#### Germany And Yugo-Slavia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Apr. 30 (UP). — Doctor Ciodius, the German economic trade expert, arrived here this morning and had his first meeting with the Yugo-Slavian Minister of Commerce, Doctor Andrej.

They discussed the difficulties of trade relations between Germany and Yugo-Slavia, especially the reduction of Yugo-Slav food exports to Germany.

Also they discussed the next meeting at Belgrade on May 10 when a permanent Yugo-Slavian-German Economic Committee will be formed.

#### Pope Intervenes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, May 1 (UP). — It is authoritatively reported that His Holiness the Pope is making a new effort towards effecting a rapprochement between Italy and Great Britain.

Talks last Friday between Lord Halifax and the new Italian Ambassador in London, Signor Galeazzo Mastriani, are believed to be an outcome of this move. It is understood that Mussolini is unyielding to agreement if, firstly, the following four points are settled:

1.—Italy's position in the Mediterranean to be revised;

2.—British assurance that Italian interests in the Balkans will not be menaced by British economic pressure;

3.—Recognition by Britain that any agreement will not permit Italy to stand aloof if the Allied endeavour to bring about the overthrow of the Nazi regime in Germany or attempt to dismember the German Reich as part of their war aims;

4.—British blockade restrictions on Italian maritime trade to be removed.

## Local Activity On Western Front

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter). — An official communiqué issued to-day states that there has been local activity of contact units.

Our patrols took some prisoners, continues the communiqué.

Two local attacks were made by enemy detachments but were repulsed.

## GERMAN NAVAL UNITS TRAPPED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FJALNESS, Apr. 30 (UP). — British warships are reported to be constantly bombarding Agdens Fort at the entrance to the Trondheim Fjord, where a German force, said to be composed of three destroyers and a submarine, are trapped.

## RED CROSS SHIP NAZI VICTIM

### Brutal Warfare By Nazi Planes

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter). — A Norwegian telegraph agency reports the bombing of two Norwegian hospital ships by Nazi planes, north of Bergen.

On one ship, five people including a doctor were killed when a bomb struck the vessel. Many others were wounded whilst the others suffered no casualties.

The larger ship had just landed 90 wounded. The chief doctor says that there were about 30 people on board his ship. They had been on their course for about an hour when five German planes came towards them and dropped bombs without success.

#### Three Attacks Made

The German planes could not have failed to see the large red crosses on the ship which was painted white in the usual manner.

However, the Germans returned and dropped more bombs.

The ship kept to its course. The bombers returned for a third time at a very low height. This time a bomb hit the ship.

Every bit of glass on board was smashed.

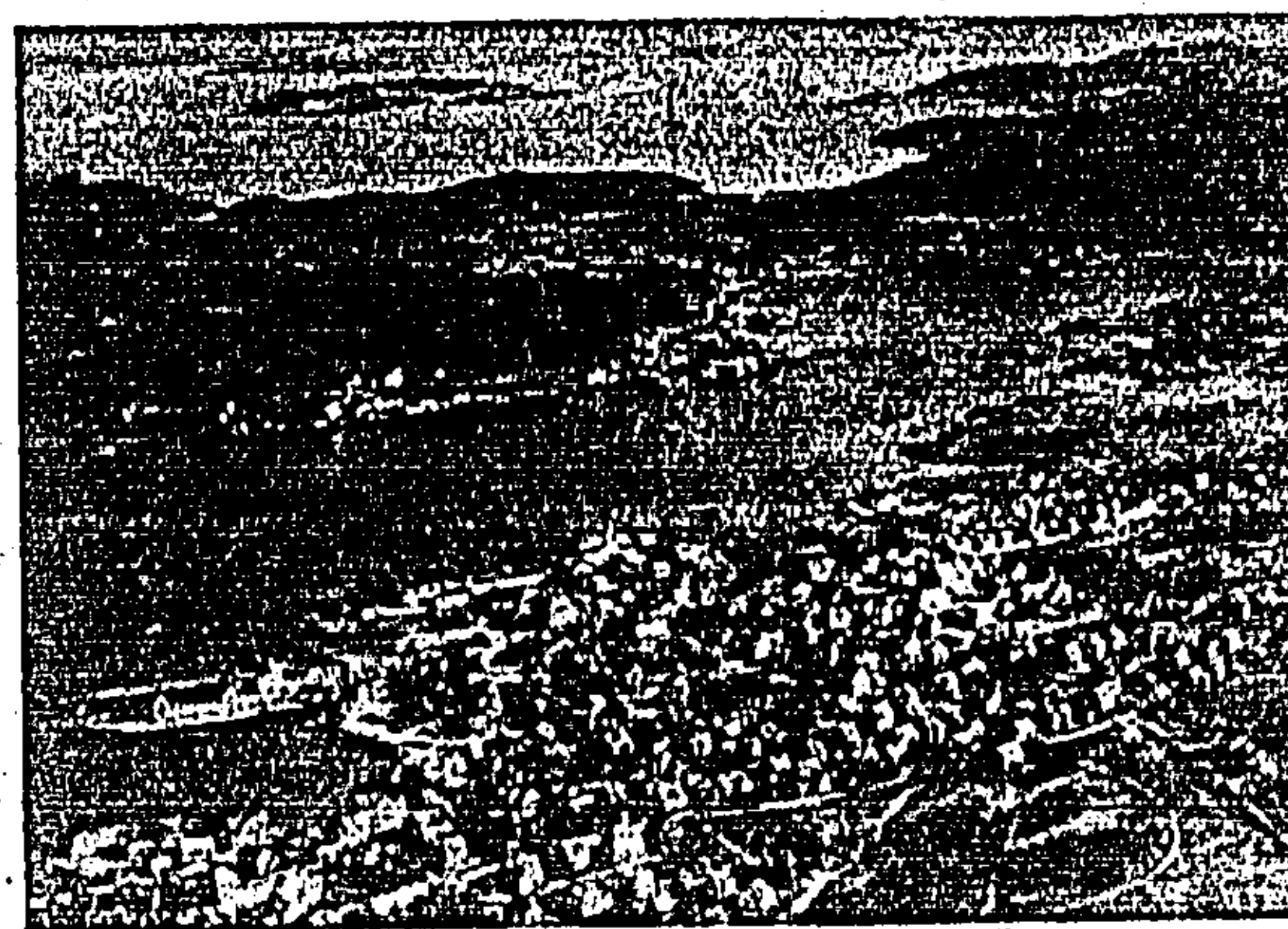
Two men on either side of the chief doctor were killed outright while many were wounded.

#### Ship Runs Aground

The ship ran aground. Escaping ashore everyone covered behind rocks for over an hour while the Germans machine-gunned them.

They kept calm. The doctor reveals that a wounded German officer

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A BIRD'S-EYE view of Harstad, which was occupied by British forces yesterday. Harstad is north of Trondheim and British troops in considerable numbers, together with supplies, are being landed here to reinforce the southern front.

## Fate of Southern Campaigns In Balance

## GREAT BATTLE IN FULL SWING FOR TRONDHEIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, May 1 (UP). — The decisive Battle of Trondheim, in which the fate of both the German garrison in the city and the nearby Allied landing base at Andalsnes are involved, is now under way.

Latest reports indicate that the Germans are attempting, by a large flanking movement, to throw their entire weight up the

Oesterdal Valley. By this move, they hope to avoid a pitched battle with the Allied forces entrenched in Gudbrandsdal Valley.

The Germans are still superior in the air, but the hasty arrival of more British and French planes and the improvisation of landing fields has prevented this supremacy from becoming overwhelming. Heavy Allied reinforcements of troops, anti-aircraft guns and anti-tank guns are being landed each hour.

The Allies appear as though they intend to launch simultaneous attacks from Namsos and other points on Trondheim to-day.

#### Indomitable Courage

The British War Office communique to-day refers to the indomitable courage of the British forces who have borne the brunt of the German attacks in southern Norway. "The British forces, fighting with indomitable courage, have resisted any further advances by the enemy," the communique states.

"North of Steinkjer, the British troops have again proved their superiority in patrol work, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. "Fresh landings have taken place along the coast of Norway."

#### Advance Stopped

The British communique is regarded as an indication that the Allies have stemmed the German advance in the Dombas area, and it is apparent that the Allies are now fighting grimly to hold the railway line between Dombas and Trondheim.

There is no confirmation from any source of the Nazi claim to have captured Dombas, a claim which, indeed, has been denied both by the Allies and the Norwegians.

That the Germans fear the arrival of further British reinforcements is indicated by the extent of their air raids on the British landing base at Namsos.

This report has been raised without cessation for the past five days, during which thousands of high explosive and incendiary bombs have been completely wrecked.

Six separate air raids were launched on the city to-day, the first starting at 7 a.m. and the last ending at 5 p.m.

#### Destroyer Struck

One bomb struck a British destroyer, scoring a direct hit squarely aft. Despite the fact that the

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## GERMANS TRAPPED IN NORTH

### British Successes Around Narvik

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, May 1 (UP). — The situation for the Germans in the Narvik area is becoming increasingly desperate, according to the Front Line correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter."

The Allied forces have at last driven the Germans from Gratangen, inflicting heavy losses in the process.

The Allies are now following up this victory by driving towards Narvik itself.

It is confirmed in a message from Tromsø that the district has now been entirely cleared of Germans. The Germans in the Narvik area are now bottled in an area of only 12 miles around Narvik.

Further Allied forces and supplies are being landed round Narvik without interruption.

British warships shelled the German troops in Narvik from the entrance to the Fjord last night.

The DNB version of the operations states that a British attempt to land in Narvik met with heavy resistance. German communiques make no other mention of the operations in the northern sector.

#### Allied Encircling Plan Complete

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter). — The Allied plan to arrange a cone-shaped encirclement of the Germans in the Narvik sector has now been completed, according to the Riksgården correspondent of the "Aften Bladet."

The correspondent adds that according to reliable information, the Germans have given up their positions on the heights around Narvik and are now entrenched on the shore with machine-guns intended to prevent the landings of troops.

#### Heavy Guns Silenced

The British Navy is stated to have silenced all heavier guns which the Germans possessed.

Namsos was bombed by the Germans seven times in 14 hours yesterday, according to the "Aften Bladet" correspondent in North Trondelag. He says that the Germans aimed at landing places and adds that A.A. guns and fighter planes took toll of German bombers, but these are so plentiful that the Germans apparently do not heed losses.

## LATEST

Imperial Airways Services to Hongkong will in future arrive in Hongkong on Thursdays and Sundays and leave on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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TOKYO, May 1 (Domet). — The war in Norway will have a far-reaching

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The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.  
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.  
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.  
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6.40. Closing local Stock Quotations.  
6.45. Songs by Herbert Groh (Tenor).  
7.00. The New Mayfair Orchestra.  
7.30. London Relay—The News.  
8.00. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03. Ambrose and His Orchestra in Dance Music.  
8.30. Marcel Palfitt at the Organ.  
8.40. Magic Chimes—Intermezzo (Rust); Whispering of the Flowers (Franz v. Blon) . . . with Hawaiian Guitar.  
8.45. Fernand—Dance of the Brides of Kashmir (Rubinstein).  
8.40. Two Celestial Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).  
A Swan, Op. 25, No. 2; in The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3 . . . with Piano accompaniment by Edwin McArthur.  
8.47. Greig—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16.  
Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano) and the New Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.  
9.15. London Relay—News Summary.  
9.30. "The Voice of the Nazi"—A Talk recorded by Professor W. A. Sinclair.  
9.45. Variety with Patricia Rossborough, Frank Luther, Fred Astaire and Others.  
10.30. Dance Music.  
11.00. London Relay—"Matters of Moment."  
Talk by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of Exchequer.  
11.15. Close down.

## Death Of Mrs. L. J. Churn

H.K. Resident Passes  
Away This Morning

The death took place at her residence, 53 Conduit Road, this morning of Mrs. Lena Johnford Churn, wife of Mr. S. M. Churn of the Union Trading Company.  
In addition to Mr. Churn, four daughters, Molly, Mabel, Evelyn, and Vivienne, and two sons, Edwin and Samuel, are left to mourn their loss.  
The funeral will take place tomorrow, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

## Film Stars Play To Servicemen

LONDON, Apr. 30 (British Wire- less).—An all-star cast, including Maurice Chevalier, who flew from France, and Gracie Fields appeared at an Anglo-French concert which the Duke and Duchess of Kent attended in London to-day.  
The audience was entirely composed of French and British servicemen.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &  
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Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

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Matches have been rearranged as follows:—

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### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1940 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1939, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 17th APRIL to 3rd MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL  
MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON &  
CO., LTD.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

### HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
B. ALVES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

### SHANGHAI, May 1 (Reuters).

The connection of the Rev. Andrew Yuyue Tsai as Assistant Bishop in Hongkong for Yunnan and Kweichow took place at the Holy Trinity Cathedral to-day.

In future Lady Northcote's Working Parties at Government House will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only. There will be no Working Party, to-morrow.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

The Down Road and Plantation Road Stations of the Peak Tramway were opened for passengers to-day. The former station is particularly convenient for the Ladies Tennis Club and Magazine Gap.

Work on the Manchester Ship Canal is progressing so rapidly that there is good prospect of its being finished by the end of the year.

The longest railway in the world will be the St. Petersburg-Ural-Tromsk-Irkutsk-Vladivostok line running through Siberia from west to east. It is said and with reason that this fantastic trunk line will be completed in 1951.

Queen Victoria has begun at Aix-les-Bains the usual treatment for rheumatism. She is taking baths regularly, and spends an hour every day swathed in flannel bandages, with a towel tied round her head. Those who have seen her climb on her bed after a bath, wrapped up to her chin and looking thoroughly uncomfortable, find it hard to realise she is the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India.

The King of the Belgians is here raising money for his pet canal scheme, to make Brussels a seaport. The idea for this was originally suggested by Mid August Belmont, when he was Minister to Belgium.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Among those killed in the Dardanelles are Fleet Surgeon Forester, Commander Prentiss, Lieutenant Maxwell, and Lieutenant Jones-Vinny of the Naval Reserve. One man was killed and eight wounded.

A telegram from Volos states that a further contingent of Australians disembarked at Gallipoli yesterday and immediately landed batteries.

The Germans fired 500 incendiary shells at Athens, many fires broke out but were rapidly extinguished.

It has been announced to the public that in a single day respirators were supplied to the whole army. (Three days earlier, the Germans had used poison gas for the first time.)

There have been great rejoicings in Australia with regard to the Imperial Government's decision to award the gallantry and achievements of the Australians and New Zealanders at the Dardanelles. There is a spontaneous demonstration in the grounds of Parliament House at Wellington, N.Z., to-day.

The Mayor and chiefs were given for the King, "Our Boys" and for those on the other side, the National Anthem, "Rule Britannia" and "Tipperary" were sung.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Allies successfully continued the operation of the Gallipoli Peninsula on the Aegean Sea, somewhat northward of the Narrows.

The Forces landed at Enos have advanced 20 miles and occupied several villages. Eight thousand Turks were captured on the plain of Troy.

Enemy aircraft dropped incendiary bombs at Ipswich and Winton this morning. Three houses were burned. It is unknown whether there were any casualties. Aircraft dropped bombs and fired at three houses in Bury St. Edmunds.

### 10 YEARS AGO

The League of Nations Committee on Arbitration and Security to-day discussed the question of facilities to be granted to aircraft used in the League of Nations communication in the event of a threat of war.

The German delegate, Herr Goepfert, remarked that the League should not have its own aircraft but should use machines placed at its disposal by the various Governments.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Newspapers to-day reported that the British Government would send a protest to Berlin with respect to Germany's announced intention of building a new fleet of submarines in contravention of the Versailles Treaty.

From Berlin it is stated that Germany is well equipped with modern building armaments and torpedoes and a marine base, on the island of Sylt in the North Sea.

A detailed programme for the conversion of Great Britain into a Soviet state has been issued from Moscow as one of the major items on the agenda of the Communist Party of the United Kingdom.

A strong plea for Anglo-German friendship was made by the Hon. Sir George Grey, at a reception given in the German Club this morning in celebration of the German National Day. Herr Gipperich, toastmaster, said that the German people were sincere in their desire to see the honour they had been accorded by the attendance at the celebration.

"I believe that peaceful work, honestly done for ourselves and for the good of our country, will be the most effective contribution towards preservation of the peace of the world," he said.

## Japanese Protest Is Urged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
OSAKA, May 1 (Domei).—A protest against the British Government's policy of permitting Japanese exports of limited goods to Britain only on condition that a certain quantity of British knitted goods are imported by Japan has been urged upon the Government by Japanese dealers.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent to me on or before 6th May, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor in the presence of the Consignee at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st May, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.  
R. OHL,  
Agent.

## SOUND POLICY IS PRAISED

### Shareholder Commends Work Of Board Of Directors

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, held at St. George's Building to-day, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo voiced the appreciation and approval of the shareholders in the sound and conservative policy adopted by the Directors with regard to depreciation.

The Profit and Loss account showed a profit for the year of \$2,611.79 after \$97,383.65 had been written off for depreciation.

The Chairman, Mr. J. P. Braga, also referred to the growing of ornamental trees on the Company's Estate and asked for the co-operation of tenants in the apprehension of tree vandals who were so active in the Colony.

The Chairman said: As set out in the report, the net profit for the past year, after charging depreciation and providing for directors' and auditors' amounts to \$2,611.79, adding to this the balance of \$10,555.61 brought forward from the previous year's account, the total at credit of Profit and Loss account is \$13,177.47 which it is recommended be carried forward to the current year's account.

In an undertaking such as ours, with considerable demands on our resources for capital development expenditure, the Board regard the policy of making adequate provision for depreciation as of first importance. They have acted in pursuance of that policy, which I trust you will agree is a sound and prudent course to adopt.

I shall now enlarge on the progress of our undertakings which were brought to your notice in the course of my statement at this time, last year.

**Equipment Of Workshop**  
First, there is the Workshop scheme to report upon. The erection of the extensive building on Crown land at To Kwa Wan, acquired by the Company in October, 1938, is now all but completed. The equipping of the Workshop is proceeding steadily; purchases of plant and machinery are made to meet requirements from time to time. Not the least important of these requirements is the maintenance of major plant and tools in good working order for the carrying out of our contracts.

The enlargement of the Company's Estate by development of the hill between Kadoorie Avenue and the Dooey Boy's School, which we purchased from Government in March of last year, is well under way. Surveys were completed during the summer, and plans for formation of building sites prepared and submitted to the Public Works Department for approval. With a few minor amendments the plans were passed and work was put in hand almost at once.

To-day the levelling of the hill, filling in of slopes and laying out of that ground for building sites is well advanced. Formation of the whole area is expected to be completed by the end of the year. This hill, which enjoys a dominating position, commanding an uninterrupted view of the Harbour and a broad land and sea outlook.

The building of more houses on the Estate continues steadily. The programme now in course of execution includes three different types of houses: detached, semi-detached, and bungalows, semi-detached houses, and each house has its own separate garage and garden. All the houses are tenanted as soon as Occupation Certificates are issued by the Building Authority.

**Trees Planted On Estate**  
It might not appear out of place if I were to refer to a subject not strictly within the commercial purview of the Chairman's speech. I speak of the avenue of growing alders, trees on both sides of the driveway leading to the Estate. Eight years ago saplings of eucalyptus and cinnamon trees, and flame-of-the-forest, and seeds of horse-tail and other plants were planted on the slopes of the hills and on both sides of the roads running through our property.

These saplings, and the young plants have grown to be tall, healthy trees, which do much to beautify the Estate as a whole.

In recent weeks, I regret to say, tree vandals, who have been so active throughout the Colony, have devoted unwelcome attention to our property. A number of trees on the slopes have been cut down and carried away, and others lining the roads have been debarked. Efforts are being made to apprehend the persons responsible for this destruction of ornamental trees. In this connection I seek the kind co-operation of our valued tenants to endeavour to put a stop to the vandalism of thieves in the vicinity of their homes.

**De Luxe Apartments**  
Mention must be made of the important undertakings on the south-western boundary of the Estate, abutting on Argyle Street and directly facing Saunders Circus. The activity that has been going on for the past four months on this site cannot be over-emphasized. The attention of passers-by at this pivotal point of three of Kowloon's main thoroughfares. The fine structures which are being erected include two blocks of apartments which your Company decided to build and which will be known as St. George's Mansions.

Each block will contain six well-appointed flats, each with a most approved layout to suit the taste of the most fastidious tenant seeking apartments of de luxe. The Company's patrons have only to await the completion of St. George's Mansions to be convinced that no effort has been spared by it to provide for Kowloon residential accommodation in line with the advances the Peninsula is

making to justify its claims to up-to-dateness.

**General Construction Work**  
In the other department of the Company's business, viz. general construction work, your Directors have not been too eager to rush into contracts at a time when costs of materials have been rising from day to day and adequate supplies of indeterminate delivery. Considerable caution has had to be exercised, and in this respect the judgment of the technical staff has been relied on. It is happy to be able to report that our confidence in their judgment has not been misplaced.

To them and to the other members of our staff—indoor and outdoor—who have been so diligent and efficient in the carrying out of their duties, I have pleasure in recording the Directors' thanks.

**Mr. Lo's Appreciation**  
The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and in doing so, voiced the appreciation and approval of the shareholders for the full and comprehensive report as well as the sound and conservative policy adopted by the Directors with regard to depreciation.

Mr. Lo was thanked by the Chairman for his kind remarks.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie were re-elected as Directors, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$1,200 for the current year.

Present at the meeting were Mr. J. P. Braga (Managing Director) in the chair, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie (alternate director for Sir Elly Kadoorie), Mr. T. F. Lo (alternate director for Sir Robert Ho Tung), and Mr. M. H. Lo (Director), Mr. Hugh Braga (General Works Manager), Mr. B. Alves (Secretary), and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, V. Sahmet and A. M. Braga (Shareholders).

## Labour Party Report

### Nazi Tyranny Is Condemned

LONDON, Apr. 30 (British Wire- less).—The annual report of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party was issued to-day.

After dealing with the progress of the movement since the foundation of the Labour Representation Committee 40 years ago, the report draws attention to the rise of dictatorships which, it describes as being "founded on the persecution of all who cherish freedom."

**Medieval Cruelties**  
Trade Unionists, Socialists, Co-operatives, Jews and Liberal-minded Christians, the report continues, have been treated with cruelties hitherto associated with medieval times.

Speaking of Hitler's Germany, it points out that Austrians, Sudetens, Czechs and Poles have been subjected to Nazi tyranny under the guise of territorial rectification.

This threat, the report continues, must be resisted if life throughout Europe and the world is to offer any hope for advancement. As far as British Labour is concerned, the chief aim of the present struggle is the age-old claim for simple human rights.

## PUMP STEALING EPIDEMIC

### Police Warning To The Public

The recent increase in the number of thefts of motor pumps from the back-yards of houses all over the Colony has led the Police to issue a warning to householders.

The method employed by thieves appears to be that they pose as workmen sent by the landlord to make certain repairs to the pumps. Believing them, householders allow them to take the pumps away and that is the last they see of them!

The Police, in an effort to check these larcenies, request householders to demand from any workmen who claim to have been sent by the landlords to repair pumps, to produce written authority before allowing them to take the pumps away.

## DANISH SHIPS HELD UP

LONDON, Apr. 30 (British Wire- less).—Since the German invasion of Denmark and Norway, no shipping has been allowed to proceed to ports in Denmark or German-occupied Norway, said Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

The cargoes on ships destined for Denmark have been seized as prize. The disposal of cargoes destined for Norway is being decided by the Norwegian shipping and trade mission in London in consultation with His Majesty's Government.

As they were returning to their bases after the raids on Namsos the German planes machine-gunned any civilians they saw on the roads.

**No Denial In London**  
LONDON, May 1 (Reuters).—British authorities, commenting on Hitler's claim that contact has been established between German troops at Oslo and Trondheim, are not prepared to say that no German troops have got through.

It is stated, however, that any force successful in eluding Allied troops must have been exceedingly small. It is thought possible that a small motor-cycle detachment may have got through by a minor road.

All German successes hitherto have been credited to mechanized units, but the snows are beginning to melt. Difficulties for such units will soon become enormous.

## SCUTTLE FROM S. NORWAY

effect on neutrals, the "Nichi-Nichi Shimbun" believes.

The Tokyo paper believes that it may affect the attitude of Italy, the Soviet Union and the Balkans.

The newspaper warns its readers to watch the attitude of the United States, which is closely watching developments in Europe.

"When America will cast off her neutrality and participate in the war is a question of immense interest," the paper declares.

SUEZ, Apr. 30 (UP).—A transport containing the first South Rhodesian Territorials arrived here to-day. They will be assigned to the various units of the British Army.

## Exchange At A Glance

### SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/4
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T.T. Shanghai	380
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	81 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
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T.T. Manila	43
T.T. Batavia	40
T.T. Bangkok	130
T.T. Saigon	100 1/2
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	90
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

### BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.50 1/2

## RED CROSS SHIP NAZI VICTIM

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In a Norwegian hospital had himself confirmed with the German authorities by telegram that both ships were being used for red cross work only.

Any German allegation to the contrary, therefore, can be refuted by one of Germany's own officers who knows from his own experience that the Norwegian Red Cross makes no distinction between a wounded German and a wounded Norwegian.

The Red Cross party is not discouraged. As soon as the ship is repaired they will get to work again.

**Ruthless Bombing Confirmed**  
NORWAY, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—A Norwegian telegraph agency, replying to a German radio statement regarding the bombing of the Norwegian hospital ship Brand IV, says that the foreign Office has confirmed all reports of "the ruthless bombing."

The agency says that the reports have also been confirmed by the Mayor at Alesund where the hospital ship has arrived with dead and injured passengers.

An inquiry will be held at Alesund to-day.

The agency declares that the bombing was witnessed by many persons and pictures were taken which will prove the correctness of the accounts.

**Norway Indignant**  
It says that the reports are also confirmed by an official statement sent to the Norwegian Government by the organizer of sea transport for the wounded in the district.

The organizer is Professor Kreyberg who is internationally known as a cancer specialist. His name alone would be sufficient to guarantee the correctness of these reports.

The agency adds that the bombing has caused great indignation throughout Norway.

## GREAT BATTLE IN FULL SWING FOR TRONDHEIM

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destroyer quickly became a blazing inferno, due to the explosion of depth charges. The crew succeeded in beaching her.

Explosions from the



# MAGAZINE PAGE

## THE ADMIRALTY CHANGES THE C. in C.

THE OLD

### YOU wouldn't TAKE HIM for an ADMIRAL

SIR PERCY NOBLE is the senior representative in China of all the British defence forces. When there is trouble, it falls on his shoulders.

There has been trouble, on and off, ever since he took command.

If you had met him in London on his way from his house in Chester-square to his desk at the Admiralty—he was Fourth Sea Lord before he left for China—wearing a lounge suit and a bowler hat like any other Londoner on his way to work, you probably wouldn't have taken him for an admiral at all.

He hasn't the bluff manner or the large frame which most people associate with high naval rank. If you had thought he was an Ambassador on leave, or a high official at Buckingham Palace.

This, in fact, he might easily have become. It was known that he was a friend of the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, and played squash with him.

It was expected that the Prince would give him an appointment in his household when he came to the throne. But when Edward VIII. came to the throne, Percy Noble was engaged on work of the greatest national importance—supervising the Navy's supplies at a time of naval expansion.

He was created a K.C.B. in Edward VIII's only Birthday Honours.

When you speak to Percy Noble your first impression is one of sympathy and discretion. He might almost be the family doctor or the family lawyer.

The impression of power comes later—and very subtly.

One of the jobs he had as a captain was to command the Naval Training Establishment at Shotley.

A guest asked him: "What do you do if you have trouble with any of the boys?"

"I talk to them."

"And if you still have trouble?"

"Well, if that happened, I suppose I should have to use the stick."

When the Admiralty sent him to China they knew that they were giving him their roughest furrow to plough.

The job needs a man who is a diplomatist as well as a leader; a man who can persuade as well as command. And it needs a strategist—a man who can think ahead, and make plans on a large scale.

One of Percy Noble's earlier jobs was Director of the Operations Section at the Admiralty. In this



SIR PERCY NOBLE

capacity he had to prepare plans of operations in case of war for the entire British Fleet.

The Hongkong command called for a man with many varied qualifications.

In Sir Percy Noble it got him.

The NEW

### THEY couldn't STOP HIM in the LAST WAR

VICE-ADMIRAL GEOFFREY LAYTON, who becomes the new Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, probably doesn't remember ex-Leading Stoker Francis George Stubbington.

George lives in Shakespeare Road, Portsmouth, these days. He remembers Vice-Admiral Layton.

For ex-Stoker Stubbington served under the Vice-Admiral. (he was a Commander then) in the submarine E-13.

The E-13 was nosing her way into the Baltic on the night of August 18, 1915, when both Leading Stoker Stubbington and Commander Layton experienced the most memorable incident in their two lives.

For E-13 went aground near the Danish island of Saltholm, between Malmo and Copenhagen.

As they tried to free their craft,

the crew of E-13 wondered what daylight would bring.

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THEY soon found out. And both Geoffrey Layton and Francis Stubbington remember with a vividness that will never be erased.

Layton was thirty-two then Stubbington was a year older.

When Vice-Admiral Layton was in Hongkong before as Flag Captain in H.M.S. Suffolk he never mentioned his amazing experience.

Ex-Leading Stoker Stubbington, happily, proves more talkative, and he recently told the graphic story.

"Three Danish warships—small craft they were—anchored near us. And up came a German destroyer. Well, that's that, we thought. We took it for granted we should be rescued and interned," he said.

"That was what any reasonable man would have thought. We were a helpless vessel in neutral waters."

"Suddenly two more German destroyers turned up. One of them hoisted a signal—and before we had time to read it he opened fire on us."

"He came right in to point-blank range. We got a taste of his concentrated fire. Pretty soon there were wounded men lying all over our deck."

It was boiling hot on account of the fires the German shells started inside the submarine.

Commander Layton shouted, "Every man for himself. Get away from these swine."

"So we jumped into the water. What happened then is still a nightmare to me. The Germans began using shrapnel and machine-guns. They fired at us in the water."

"I HEARD my shipmates shout as they were hit. It was hell."

"The Germans were murdering us. They were like madmen."

"But while the shooting was still going on, one of the Danish ships steamed right in between us and the German destroyer. They made themselves a screen to save us from the shrapnel and machine-gun bullets."

"The Germans didn't dare to fire on a neutral ship. So they steamed away."

"Those Danes had some pluck. They lowered their boats and rescued us."

"There were just fifteen of us left—out of thirty."

"I'll never forget the bravery of that Danish commander and his crew—nor how kind the Danish people were while we were interned."

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THAT is the story Francis Stubbington told. The Official History of the last war tells the sequel. This is what the History says:

"The vessel was shelled at short range by three German destroyers in defiance of a Danish torpedo boat which had arrived to safeguard Denmark's neutrality."

"Fifteen officers and men of the E-13 were killed, Commander Layton and other survivors were interned in the naval barracks near Copenhagen. After three weeks, Commander Layton withdrew his parole, notifying the Danish authorities, who took extra precautions."

One night he left a dummy in his bed and, while a brother officer created a diversion, he managed to escape from the building, passing many sentries. He had secured a Danish sailor's suit and in that disguise swam along the shore till he reached the city.

"There he landed, took off his clothes and wrung them out in 13 degrees of frost, dressed again and crossed to Norway in the ferry."

"In the guise of an American marine overseas he made his way to Bergen, whence he sailed to England, reaching London four days after leaving Copenhagen."

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"If anybody calls, tell 'em we'll send something on account to-morrow!"

## Beauty Routine

FROM the point of view of beauty treatments, the woman with a house has the same start off as the film star with medicine balls, a gymnasium, and eighty feet of private swimming pool.

Every time you stretch to make the beds, stoop to pick up your husband's pyjamas, and sweep the floor, you get a beauty course for the figure that you would pay pounds for in a beauty salon. That is, if you do these things the right way.

It is the wrong way that makes you tired, the right way will set you up and make you supple. How do you make the beds, for instance? The weight in your bent knees, your back humped as you lean across the bed and pull for dear life? That's wrong; try the right way a few times and feel the difference. Stand with one foot forward and relax the other knee. Give the diaphragm a long stretch across the bed while you keep your tummy in and your back straight. The weight doesn't go in your knees, but on the forward foot. And you won't get a pain in the back.

STAND EASY

HOW do you wash and wipe up? Feet apart, weight on one hip, tummy relaxed, head humped? It's tiring that way. To-day stand straight, chest up, shoulders relaxed and square. If your sink is too low, bend forward from the waist, not from the shoulders, and put your weight evenly on both feet.

Think how you iron, weight all on one foot again, shoulders rounded over the board. You get much more tired and are just asking for round shoulders. Stand straight, feet together, and head up—unless you're very short-sighted you don't have to peer at what you are ironing. If your board is too low, sit down to iron. In fact, except for very heavy things you can sit down, anyway.

Every time you walk upstairs do it on tip-toes. When you react for something on a high shelf do an upward stretch exercise—goe together and lift from the diaphragm—you won't find it any more tiring and it will do you good.

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AND if you do get tired after ironing or scrubbing, see that the tired muscles get relaxed when you have finished. When you stop ironing, for instance, relax your arms and shake them vigorously in turn. Then loosen each leg and shake the slackened one, supporting

## STAMP TOPICS

Nicaragua—In May, 1939, President A. Somoza of Nicaragua visited the United States, and in commemoration of that visit Nicaragua has issued a series of airmail stamps. Five values are for interior use and seven values are for international airmail. The 12 stamps come in three designs and in various colours.

One design pictures President A. Somoza before the American Senate, May, 1939. After the inscription are the words "Buenos Vecinos" or "Good Neighbours." The second design pictures the Capital at Washington, D. C., with President A. Somoza's picture in an oval frame at the upper right and the inscription "Commemoration of the visit of President A. Somoza to Washington, May, 1939." The third design pictures the Golden Gate International Exposition theme, Sun Tower, on the left, the New York World's Fair theme, Perisphere and Trylon, on the right, and President Somoza's portrait in an oval frame, in the centre. Below is the inscription "Commemorating the visit of President A. Somoza to the United States of America."

The values of the Interior Airmail set are the 4c., red brown (Senate); 8c., black brown (Capitol); 10c., turquoise green (Senate); 20c., red violet (Capitol); and 32c., vermilion (Fair Themes). The International Airmail set includes the 25c., deep blue (Senate); 30c., black (Senate); 50c., carmine rose (Capitol); 60c., green (Fair Themes); 65c., violet black (Senate); 80c., olive (Senate); and 1-cordoba, violet (Fair Themes).

Albania—Four new Albanian stamps have been received, each of a different design and colour. The 1 qind (gray blue), pictures an Albanian in native costume. The 2 q. (dark olive), pictures a male in another type of native costume. The 3 q. (brown), pictures an Albanian woman in native dress, and the 50 q. (dark violet), pictures a second Albanian woman in a different type of native dress.

Belgium—A new value of the King Leopold III design has been issued to meet a postal need. The value is the 2Fr.50 and the colour is in black.

Philippine Islands—A set of three stamps has been issued in connection with President Quezon's inauguration. They are the 3c. (deep orange), 6c. (green), and 12c. (purple), and are all of one design showing a Government official administering the oath of office to President Quezon.

Portugal—A set of eight values has been issued honouring the Portuguese Legion. The stamps are of one design which shows the Legion emblem and the inscription "Legião Portuguesa." The values and colours are: 5 centavos (ochre); 10c. (purple); 15c. (blue); 25c. (brown); 40c. (dark green); 80c. (light green); 1 escudo (scarlet), and 1E.75 (blue).

Spain—In honour of the recent visit of Count Ciano, of Italy, Spain has overprinted six values of the Franco stamps. The overprints are in gold, silver or black, and the inscription reads, "Malaga saluda Conde Ciano, 17-7-39."

United States

The 200th birthday of the First President of the United States recalls that his portrait by Stuart appears on the 10c. value of the first stamps of the United States, issued in 1847. In the next series of stamps, issued in 1851, various portraits of George Washington appeared on five different values of the series. The most interesting set of stamps appearing during recent years which pictures Washington's various portraits is the special commemorative set, issued in 1932, in co-operation with the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

The 2-cent stamp of the issue of 1922-23 shows the portrait of Washington, from Houdon's bust, and if one should turn this stamp with the nose of the profile facing down there appears the profile of one of the "Wise men who came from the East," his nose being formed by the ear of the portrait, his profile facing to the right.



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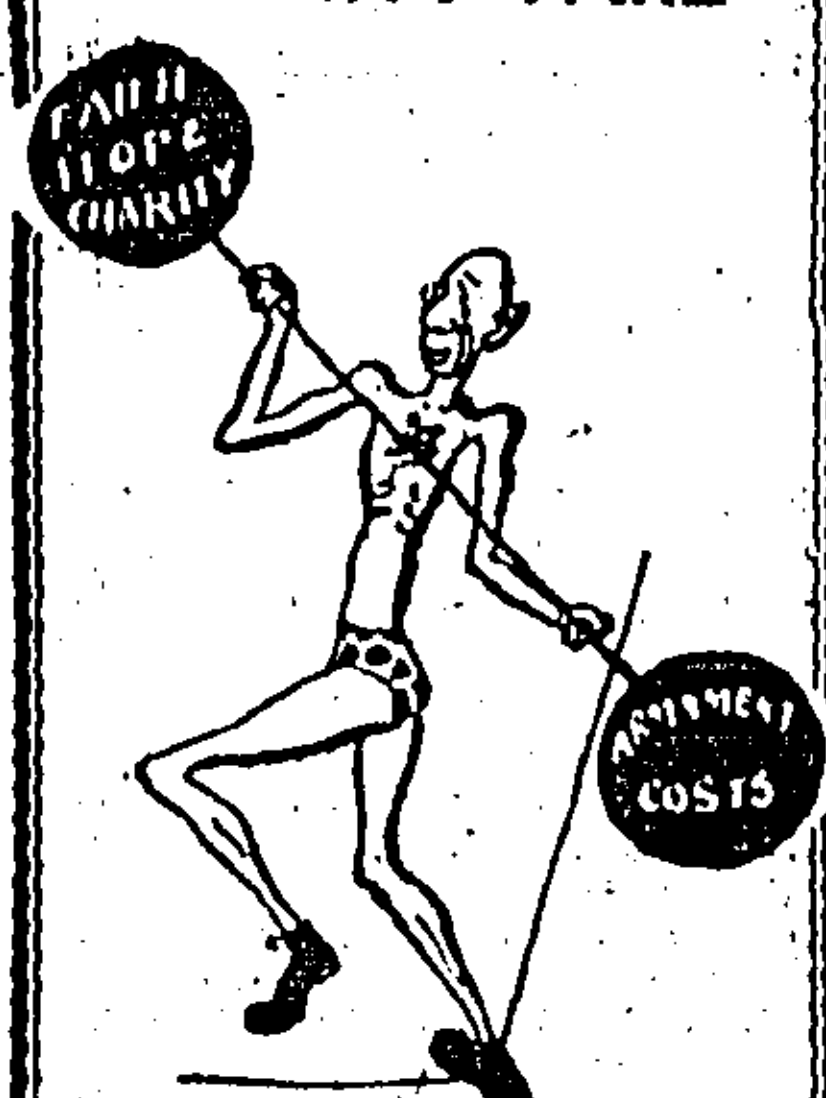
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# Sir Neville Henderson: INSTALMENT NINE

September, 1938. The Sudeten lands were aflame. The quarrel which Hitler had picked with Czechoslovakia had reached its climax. War seemed inevitable.

Mr. Chamberlain flew to Berchtesgaden to meet Hitler. Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, described yesterday what passed at that meeting.

To-day he reveals the secrets of Mr. Chamberlain's second visit to the Fuehrer.

THE second meeting between the Prime Minister and Hitler took place at Godesberg. Nothing this time was left undone to minister to our comfort and to create the best possible impression. A guard of honour was awaiting Mr. Chamberlain's inspection at the Cologne aerodrome, and a band greeted him with "God Save the King."

He drove from the aerodrome to the Petersberg Hotel at Godesberg with Ribbentrop. On the opposite side of the river to us Hitler had taken up his quarters at one of his favourite haunts, an hotel kept by one Dreesen, who had been a companion of his early struggle for power. It was thither that Mr. Chamberlain and his party proceeded for his meeting with Hitler at 5 p.m. on that 22nd of September.

To get there, it was necessary to cross the river by ferry, which was done under the eyes of thousands of onlookers, who lined the banks in a manner reminiscent of the "Varsity" boat-race day.

Hitler met the Prime Minister at the door of the hotel, and led him without delay to a room upstairs. They sat down at one end of the long, balustraded table, and the proceedings began.

The German populace by the river had demonstrated its uncontented and spontaneous pleasure at seeing the British Prime Minister, whom they recognised as the harbinger of peace, but Hitler himself was in an uncompromising mood.

Mr. Chamberlain opened the proceedings by recalling that at Berchtesgaden he had agreed in principle to the right of the Sudeten Germans to self-determination; and that he had undertaken to endeavour to obtain the assent of his Cabinet and of the French Government.

## "It is no Longer enough"

Within a very short lapse of time he had, he continued, been able to obtain the assent of the British Cabinet; the French Ministers had visited London and had likewise agreed; and furthermore, the acquiescence of the Czechoslovak Government had been secured.

He accordingly outlined the steps which in his opinion should now be taken to arrange for the peaceful transfer of the Sudeten territory.

When the Prime Minister had finished, Hitler asked whether he was to understand that the British, French and Czechoslovak Governments had in effect agreed to the transfer of the Sudeten territory from Czechoslovakia to Germany.

The Prime Minister replied: "Yes."

There was a slight pause, a silence in which Hitler appeared for a moment to be making up his mind.

He then said decisively: "I am exceedingly sorry, but that is no longer of any use."

The Prime Minister expressed his surprise and indignation; he could not be expected, he declared, to return to London with fresh proposals and demands only to be faced once more with the rejoinder that they were no longer adequate.

Hitler thereupon shifted the blame by explaining that it was the Hungarian and Polish claims which had now to be met.

His friendship with these two countries demanded, he said, that he should give them full support.

To which the Prime Minister retorted that on Hitler's own showing, these claims had not the same urgency as the question of the Sudeten Germans, and that the Hungarian-Polish claims could only be considered after the Sudeten problem had been solved in an orderly manner.

When the discussion thereupon reverted to Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, Hitler declined flatly to consider them on the ground that they involved too much delay.

Instead, he demanded that the German-speaking areas should be ceded forthwith and occupied by German troops.

This, Mr. Chamberlain in turn declined to accept, and after three hours of somewhat adjourned debate, the meeting adjourned.

The next day seemed complete. Hitler, having secured one position, was already advancing on the next.

He was no longer prepared to execute his part of the bargain at Berchtesgaden and to discuss quietly the ways and means of a settlement.

# HOW HITLER CHEATED CHAMBERLAIN

He was using the claims of the Poles and the Hungarians and the plight of the Sudeten refugees, which his own agents had manipulated, as a pretext, which possibly satisfied his own facile conscience, to break his word to Mr. Chamberlain.

Godesberg was the real turning point in Anglo-German relations, and I have always felt that it was there that Hitler made the first of his big political mistakes.

He had cheated the British Prime Minister and, by letting him down, thereby prepared the way for the revulsion of feeling in England against Hitlerism and its methods, which was to become complete after the occupation of Prague in March, 1939.

The first interview at Godesberg thus ended without any reference to a subsequent meeting, and until the late afternoon of the following day it looked as if there might be none.

## Chamberlain Tries again

Two written communications were exchanged in the course of the day without producing any modifications of the respective positions.

The British Press even reported that the negotiations had definitely broken down, and in the interval London informed Prague that it could no longer advise against a Czech mobilisation, while pointing out, nevertheless, that mobilisation might precipitate a conflict.

The Prime Minister's patience was, however, not yet finally exhausted.

He was unwilling to refuse discussion of proposals which he had not actually seen in writing, and at 5 p.m. that afternoon he instructed Sir Horace Wilson and myself to see Ribbentrop and to suggest that Hitler should embody the exact nature of his proposals for the occupation of the Sudeten lands in an official document.

It might have been anticipated that Hitler would reject this request on the ground that he had made his proposals sufficiently clear verbally in the course of the conversation on the preceding day.

But the war party in Germany was also not yet finally in the ascendant.

Mr. Chamberlain's refusal to renew contact had provoked some consternation among the moderate in the German camp, and Hitler, in view of the high hopes placed by the German people in Mr. Chamberlain's intervention was reluctant to break off the negotiations.

Ribbentrop was accordingly instructed to inform us that a German memorandum would be prepared.

At 10.30 that night the conversations were resumed.

Although Hitler was in a much less truculent mood and even made an effort to appear conciliatory, his memorandum showed that he



From right: Hitler, Foreign Minister Ribbentrop (back to camera), Army Chief General von Brauchitsch, Navy Chief Admiral Raeder, Chief of Staff General Keitel.

"Willing to work with us for peace in Europe": Signor Mussolini meeting Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the Fuehrer's House, Munich, for the conference which ended in the famous agreement.

had not moderated his demands, which were presented in a most peremptory form and described by Hitler as his last word.

In this document he required the Czechs to begin the evacuation of the predominantly Sudeten areas at 8 a.m. on September 26, and to complete it by September 28.

Thus, the Czechoslovak Government was to be given a bare forty-eight hours to issue the necessary orders, and only four days in which to evacuate the whole of the Sudeten land.

It is characteristic of Hitler's methods of argument that when the Prime Minister pointed out that this was a sheer Dictate (the word always applied by Hitler to the Treaty of Versailles) imposed on a country voluntarily surrendering a part of its territory without having been defeated in war, the Chancellor replied:

"It is not a Dictate; look, the document is headed by the word 'Memorandum'."

In the course of the long discussion which followed, Hitler agreed to modify his time-table slightly, and he also made in his own handwriting a number of minor alterations designed to attenuate the asperity of the memorandum.

"You are the only man," he said somewhat bitterly to Mr. Cham-

## The Fuehrer Was relieved

berlain, "to whom I have ever made a concession."

He appeared, however, relieved when the Prime Minister finally said that, while he could not accept or recommend the German proposals, he could nevertheless, as an intermediary, not refuse to submit them to the Czechoslovak Government.

Hitler had no desire that the German people should think that the negotiations had broken down as the result of his own intransigency.

He was none the less bent on the military occupation of Czechoslovakia. He himself was prepared to risk war with Britain, but on the other hand, his military advisers were not.

On the following morning the Prime Minister left by air again for London. Thanks to the energy and drive of Colonel Mason-Macfarlane (of the British Embassy), the German memorandum and the map with the Godesberg line marked on it were in the hands of the Czech Government the same night.

It had meant Mason-Macfarlane's flying back to Berlin, motor-ing to the Czech frontier and then walking ten kilometres in the dark through Czech barbed wire, and other entanglements, at the constant risk of being shot as a raider by either Germans or Czechs.

The peak of the crisis was reached after Godesberg. The French mobilised half-a-million men, and the Admiralty, the British Fleet.

The French Government reaffirmed their intention to support Czechoslovakia if attacked, and His Majesty's Government similarly reaffirmed their position in accordance with the Prime Minister's statement of March 24.

Staff talks between the British and French army chiefs were resumed, and the Czech Government, encouraged by these demonstrations of solidarity, refused to accept the Godesberg memorandum.

It looked as if war was inevitable over the point as to the date and manner in which the territories, which the Czechs had agreed to cede to Germany, were to be handed over.

## TO-MORROW:

Hitler shouts "I will smash the Czechs!"—"By next Monday, we shall all be at war."—A procession that changed the Fuehrer's mind.—Goering calls Ribbentrop a criminal fool.—Italy's eleventh hour intervention.

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ACROSS  
1—Quick-witted  
2—Groundsman's fancy  
3—Um for making tea  
4—International language  
5—Four towers  
6—City in U. S. A.  
7—Fruit of art  
8—Fishes unnoted  
9—Tadpole with tail  
10—Package of bulk  
11—Star in Cetus  
12—Small piece of flint  
13—Petty falsehoods  
14—African tribe  
15—Raise up  
16—Consistent of turpentine  
17—Pours in by drops  
18—Turn from course  
19—Pierced  
20—Bird's name  
21—Type of wine  
22—Portion of earth's surface  
23—On summit of  
24—African tribe  
25—Combining form: tile  
26—African tribe  
27—Belonging to place  
28—Terbium  
29—Swelling  
30—Mine entrance

DOWN  
1—Refuse approval to  
2—Well known historical period  
3—Vegetable  
4—King of Israel  
5—Avenue (abbr.)  
6—The Pope's church  
7—Muscular contraction  
8—Dilemma  
9—An exchange made over again  
10—Chinese staple food  
11—Of an era  
12—Sanctuary  
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14—Long live! (French)  
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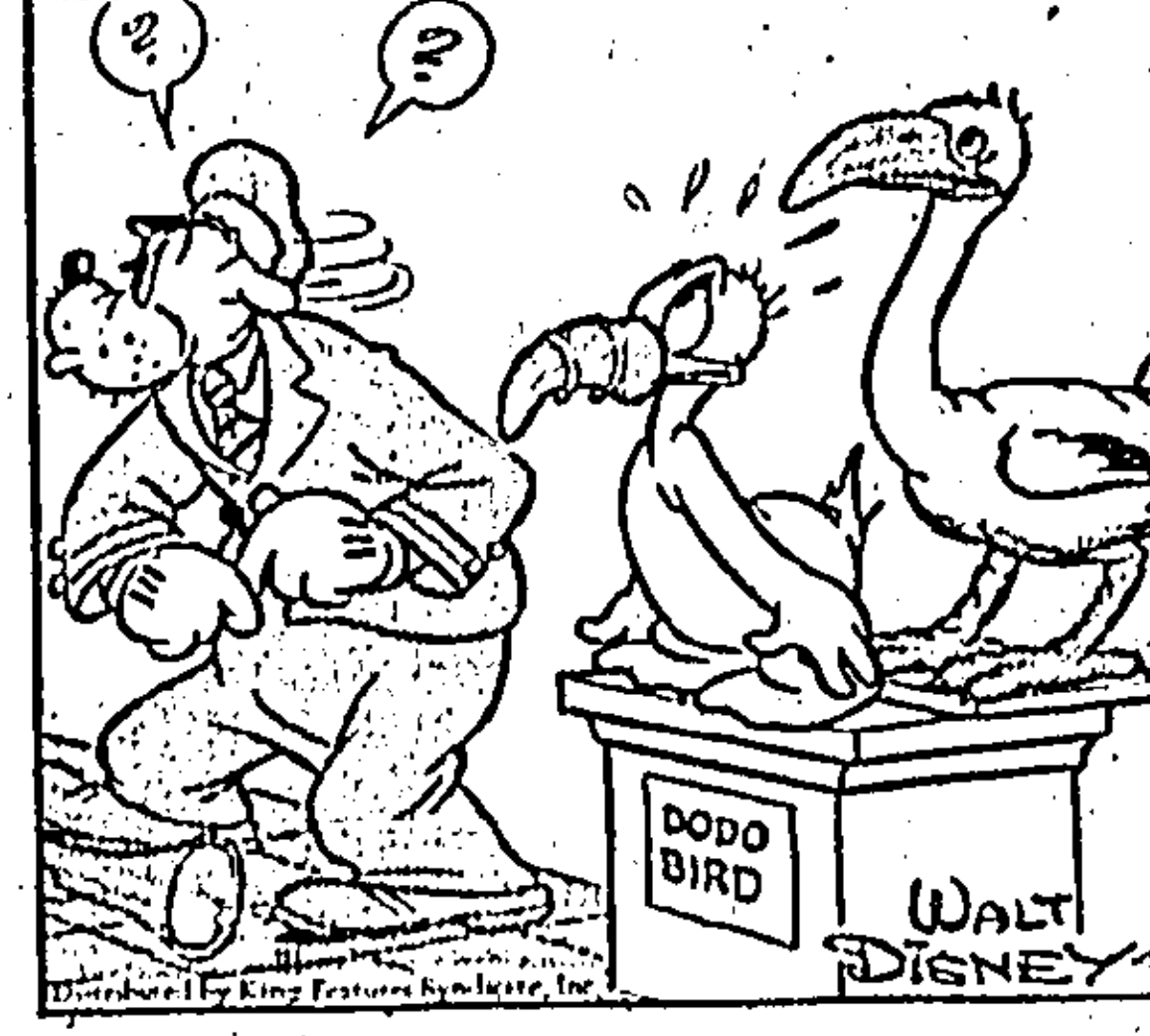
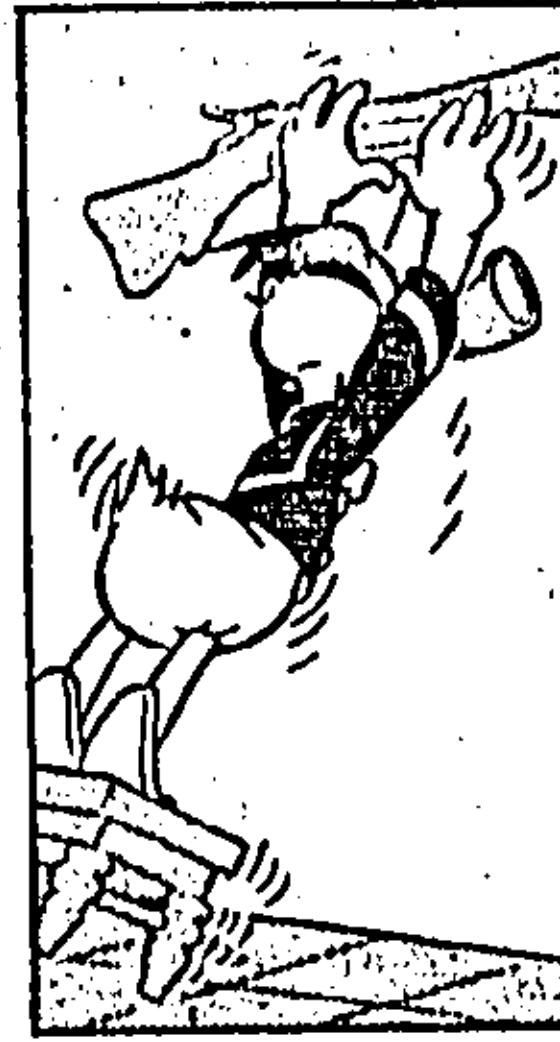
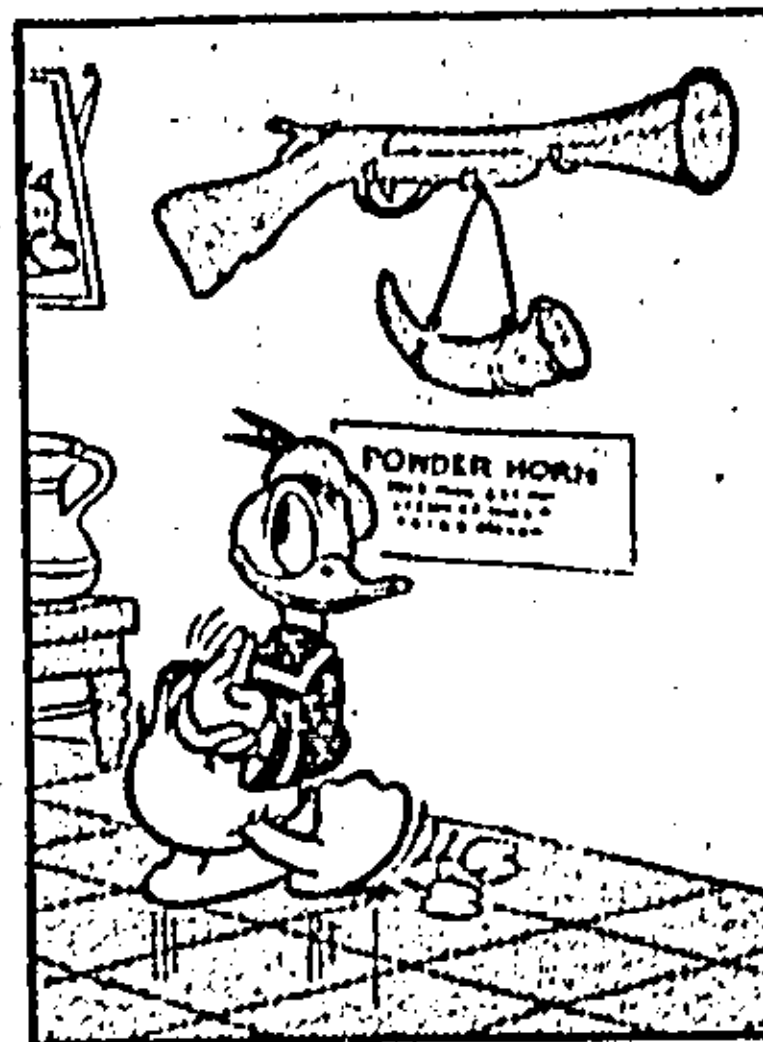
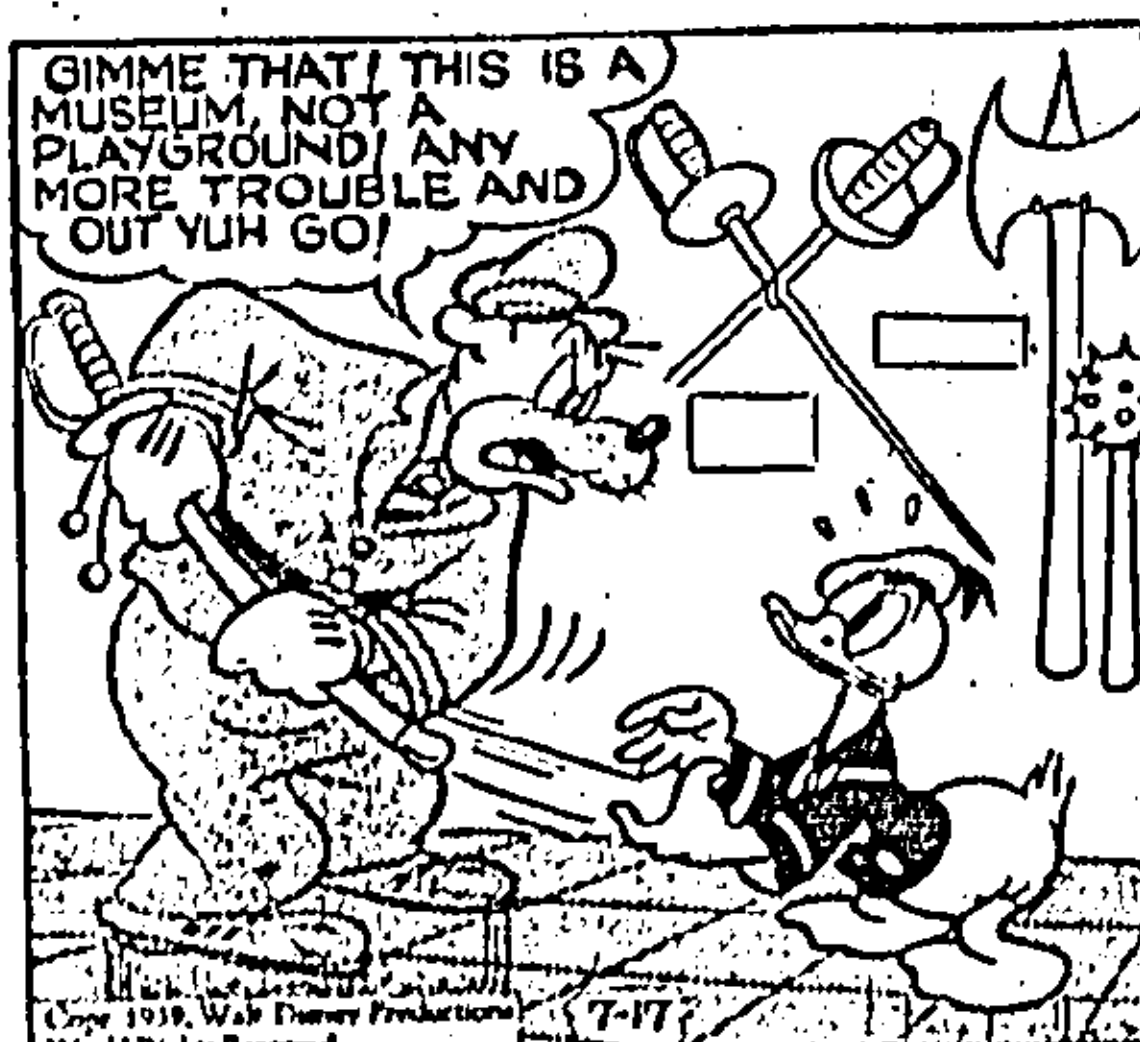
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ANGLO-EIRE  
TRADE TALKMr. Eden Presides At  
First Meeting

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden presided at the first meeting of British and Irish Ministers who are discussing the trade question.

The British Ministers present at the meeting included Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply; Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, Minister of Agriculture; Lord Woolton, Minister of Food; and Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Shipping.

The first meeting was in the nature of a general discussion and further discussion will be held during the next few days.

This Time The  
Trick FailedMan's Attempt To  
Victimise Firm

Pointing out to defendant that the type of offence he was charged with had succeeded time and time again, Mr. Edwards sentenced Au Young Yit-kung, 41, to three months' hard labour at the Central Magistracy for attempted larceny by trick.

Det.-Sergeant Byrnes said that at 10.30 a.m. on April 29, defendant went to Messrs Bejonec and ordered goods to the value of \$127. He asked for the articles to be sent to an address, and Mr. N. N. Shroff and a clerk of Messrs. Bejonec accompanied the defendant.

## Man Runs Away

When the party arrived at their destination, they were met by another man who went with the clerk to obtain the money for payment. Shortly afterwards the clerk returned and said that the man had run away while they were waiting in Queen's Road. Mr. Shroff became suspicious and defendant was detained.

Apart from the prison sentence, Au was also recommended for banishment.

Independent  
PolicyHolland Reiterates  
Determination

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 30, (Reuter).—Holland's determination to pursue an independent policy was stressed by the Prime Minister, J. H. van der Meer, in a speech to the Knights of the Military Order of William I at The Hague to-day on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Order.

## An Oasis Of Peace

He said: "Our country threatens no one and will ally itself with no one. It wishes to be an oasis of peace amid the horrors sweeping the world, but on the borders of this oasis stand men who, in the Knights of the Military Order of William I, have a shining example of what their duty will be in the hour of danger and who will not be disloyal to that example."

Meanwhile, Holland's Nazi leader, Anton Mussert, has caused a storm of protest in the Dutch papers by an interview he gave to an American radio commentator in which he is stated to have declared that in the event of an invasion of Holland by the Germans, the Dutch Nazis would not intervene on either side.

FOUND HIDING  
IN GARDEN

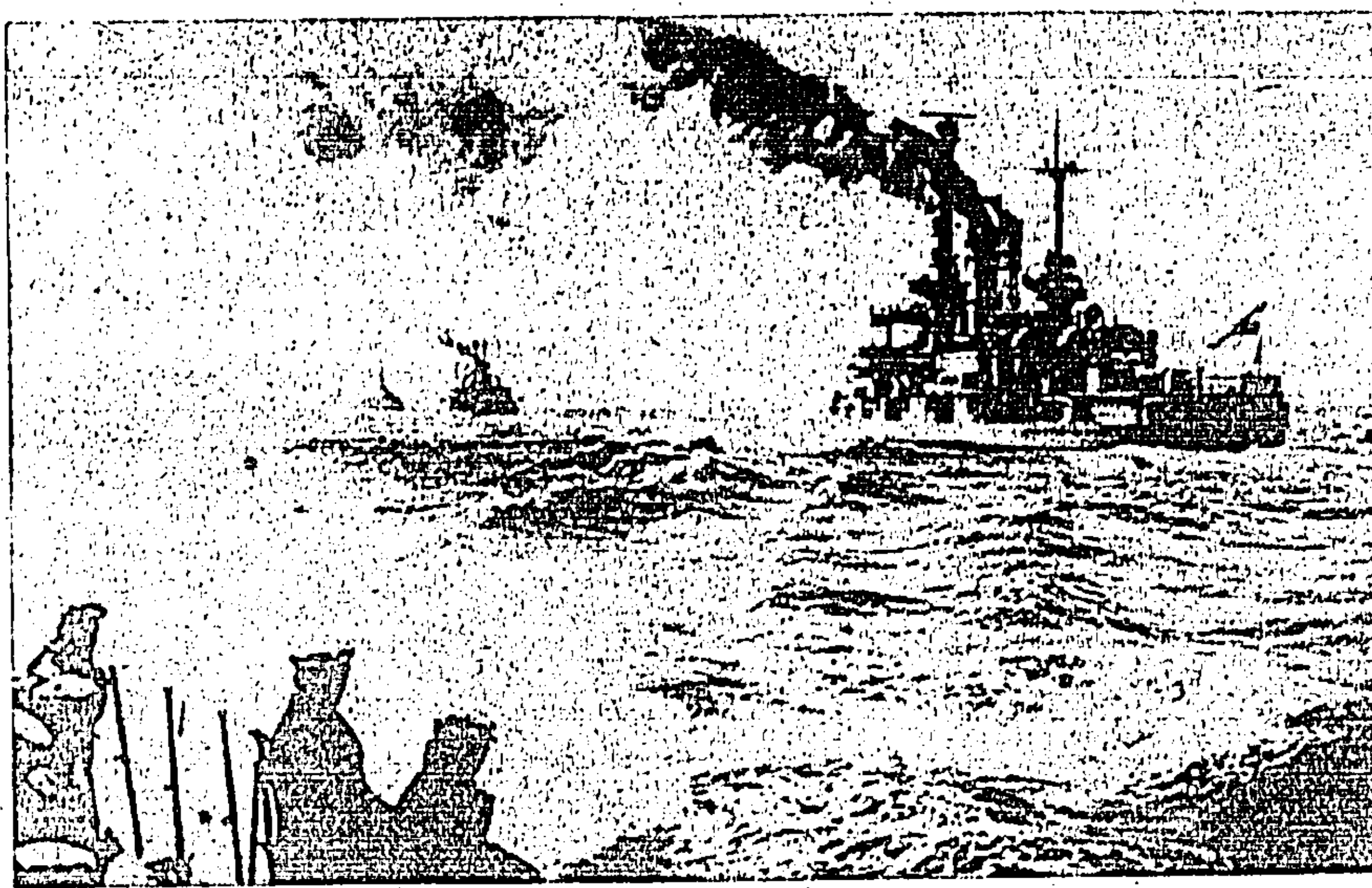
Lam Hei, 30, unemployed, was remanded for 24 hours when he appeared before Mr. Himsforth on a charge of loitering in the garden of 262 Prince Edward Road early this morning.

Lam was seen by Mr. Searle, Assistant Superintendent of Police, who was passing in a taxi. Mr. Searle alerted from the taxi and found Lam hiding in the garden.

When charged Lam admitted his intention was to steal.

The Kowloon Athletic Association are holding their Annual Sports on Sunday next at 10 a.m. on the Police Football Ground, Boundary Street.

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—M. Paul Reynaud, the new Premier, is suffering from a slight attack of influenza.



## Murder Charge At Criminal Sessions

CHOPPED BROTHER  
TO DEATH, ALLEGED

A dispute over the question of buying pork for the funeral ceremony of their mother is alleged to have led Hau Keng-po, 51, to kill his brother, Hau Sek-po, 48, at Yun Shiu Ngau village, Sai Kung, on March 22.

This allegation was made by the Crown at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Hau Keng-po was charged with the murder of his younger brother.

Mr. G. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, is for the prosecution, and Hau is defended by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Jnr.

Jury members are: Messrs. D. M. Hykes (Foreman), Lau Kau-leung, Chen Pak-kong, Chow Yon-shee, Li Che-kong, F. Goodwin and E. M. da Rocha.

## Spent Years At Sea

Mr. Murphy said the brothers were farmers and lived together in the village with their respective families. Both had spent most of their lives at sea, and it was not until three or four years ago that they went back to the village and settled down to farm their land.

The fight which led to the death of the younger brother took place on the afternoon of March 22. It arose out of a quarrel about the purchase of pork for the funeral ceremony of their mother. Early that morning, Sek-po went and bought 40 cents worth of pork, and on his return, his wife told him it was not necessary for him to have done so because there was no need to worship the old woman until she had been dead 100 days. Sek-po replied that if he had known he would not have made the purchase.

This was overheard by accused, who shouted out: "Why speak so offensively? Who told you to buy the pork?" To this, the younger brother retorted: "If I didn't, who would?"

"I Will Chop You To Death!" Accused then picked up a chopper, saying: "I will chop you to death." A struggle ensued and Sek-po's wife would say that she saw accused striking her husband on the head with the chopper. She would also testify that she saw no weapon in her husband's hand.

The two were eventually separated and after Sek-po's wounds had been bandaged by some of the neighbours, his wife went to the Salkung Police Station, a considerable distance away, and made a report. Four Indian constables were sent to accompany her, and on her return at 7 p.m., Sek-po was still alive. He made a declaration to one of the Indian officers that accused had struck him with a chopper, and about ten minutes afterwards he died.

When formally charged, accused said: "If I didn't cut him to death, either he or I would die. Formerly I remitted money from abroad for him to redeem the fields. Now he wants to take possession. He changed the land deeds to his own name and said his elder brother had no share. Therefore, there was trouble."

Statement At Magistracy At the Magistracy, accused made a statement to the effect that he had dreamt of the spirits of his family who told him that if Sek-po had survived March 22 he would not have survived March 23.

"Whether or no" Mr. Murphy concluded, "the question of land was the cause of the fight. It is the Crown's case that prisoner alone was armed and that he caused the death of his brother by attacking him with a chopper."

Motor Cars  
CollideReports Of Street  
Accidents

Slight damage was caused to two motor cars when they came into collision at the junction of Nathan and Jordan Roads yesterday.

In a report of the accident, Lt. Dickson stated he was driving a car when he pulled up to avoid hitting a tricycle which turned in front of him. As he stopped, another car driven by Miss E. Hansey, of the Kowloon Hospital, ran into the rear of his vehicle.

Knocked Down By Lorry A woman, Pang Wah, suffered serious injuries to her head and arm when she was knocked down by a lorry driven by Tor Yut, in Jordan Road yesterday. She suddenly ran into the road from the footpath and was hit.

Cheung Cheung reported to the Police that while he was driving a car in Main Street East, Shaikwan, yesterday, he knocked down an unknown Chinese, who appeared to be unharmed and went away without waiting to be asked if he wished to be taken to hospital.

Parked Car Damaged Dr. Ong, attached to the old Government Civil Hospital, reported to the Police yesterday that his car, which he had left parked in Bonham Road, was damaged in the rear mudguard and number plate, apparently due to a collision between an unknown vehicle and his car.

SWEDISH BAN ON  
FOREIGNERS

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In a radio broadcast to-day a decree was announced that further districts in Sweden were closed to foreigners. The ban extends to the island of Gotland and certain parts of Stockholm province, Gothenburg province except Gothenburg town, and the district of Jamtland province which is opposite the Norwegian town of Trondheim.

Urged To Extend  
Loan To China

SHANGHAI, May 1 (Reuter).—Prominent Americans here have sent a telegram to Mr. Cordell Hull urging the United States Government to extend a currency stabilisation loan to China.

The message states that the purpose of the loan will be to help forestall further attacks against the Chinese currency by the Japanese.

The cause of the fight, it is the Crown's case that prisoner alone was armed and that he caused the death of his brother by attacking him with a chopper.

The case is proceeding.

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Oslo Was Betrayed By Nazi  
Plotters Within Her Gates

When the people stared. Thousands of young men stood watching this occupation parade. Not one hand or voice was raised. We could discern no sign of resentment upon any face about us. This was the most incomprehensible thing among all the incomprehensible things of this fantastic 24 hours.

Somewhat it seemed as if curiosity was the strongest sentiment in the throng of Osloans who watched the Germans come in. No other emotion was betrayed in the countless faces we scanned anxiously. The only indignation people we met or saw that day were foreigners. The Norwegians of Oslo seemed stunned beyond recovery. All acted curiously, like children suddenly given a chance to see a parade of strange creatures out of prehistoric times—something which had no connection with real life.

## Public Offices Taken Over

But within two hours real life was making itself felt in Oslo. The Germans had occupied the capital. They simply paraded in, taking it over, much as Frenchmen or Italians might parade into a colonial village somewhere in the interior of Africa. Now they went to work. It was the urgent task of the tiny force of 1,500 men to seize the key places of the nation's capital. They did it swiftly, without any fear of interruption.

When I hurried into the telegraph building I had hopes. There were still no German troops guarding the door. But immediately I knew I was too late.

The first hint came when a woman employee who always addressed me in perfect English spoke to me in German and tried to refuse the message on the ground that I had no special telegraph card. But her chief had already accepted my despatch at one o'clock. Finally she accepted it reluctantly, together with 64 dollars' worth of Norwegian crowns which had to be paid in advance. Then she told me in German that I must see Fraulein Haug the next morning, or no more messages would be accepted. Of course, my own and all other despatches for the next 24 hours were never sent. The Germans had closed all wires as well as the telephone lines to the outside world.

Next day, Wednesday, was as unbelievable as the events of April 9 had been. German troops now stood guard over Parliament, the University, the City Hall and other public buildings. My first shock came early in the morning as I passed the Storting. Two score German soldiers filled the open windows of the third floor of the Parliament building, all singing lustily, while one pumped joyfully at his accordion. Osloans

stood watching and listening on the pavements below. I looked closely, but as far as I could see they were simple curious and somewhat entertained. As on the previous night, after the occupation of the city, the cafes were filled in almost normal fashion, and a large number of young men were loitering in them as if no such thing as a regular Norwegian army were ready to offer resistance to the invader only 50 miles north of the capital.

Wherever we went we saw groups of young people clustered round German soldiers on guard. Some of them chatted pleasantly with the soldiers, some stared at their rifles and machine-guns and asked questions about them. Many young girls gazed admiringly at the men in field-grey uniforms.

PAY VISIT TO THE  
WEST FRONT

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Hon. Mr. Norman McLeod Rodgers, Minister of Defence in Canada, and the Hon. Mr. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London, yesterday visited the Western Front. They drove to the British Headquarters from Paris.

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### DEATH

CHURN—On May 1, 1940, at 8.20 a.m. at his residence, 53 Conduit Road, Lema Johnstone Churn, aged 46 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow. (Shanghai papers please copy).

## The Hongkong Telegraph

Wednesday, May 1, 1940.

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### Parliament's New Technique

The British House of Commons to-day presents a strangely different aspect from that of a year or two ago. Then it was deeply divided on major questions of foreign policy, some of which could not be raised without fierce debate. Now its temper is completely altered. It is more like a large committee of persons assembled to deal with a matter of common interest, and to pool their knowledge with a view to attaining results.

The parties under their leaders sit in their accustomed places, and the spokesmen of Labour and the Liberals duly rise to make their comments on ministerial utterances. But apart from occasional echoes of old social controversies, party feeling is largely in abeyance. All groups—or at least all the more important groups—are in agreement about the main requirements for war, about conscription, and the need of making everything else secondary to the efficient prosecution of war. It is true that the party system is of the essence of Parliamentary government, then it might be supposed that Parliamentary government had ceased.

But, on the contrary, Parliament has by no means ceased to function. It is extremely active, although the form of its activity is not that to which politicians are accustomed. Criticism is ceaseless, but in the main it is the criticism of individuals listening to the voice of the man-in-the-street rather than that of a political party. It is heard just as often from Conservative members as from the Opposition.

The House of Commons has become a sort of watch-dog for the public, ceaselessly reminding an Executive that it has to reckon with public opinion and must march in step with it.

Many members regard it as one of their most important functions to extract information from the Government, not for handing it on to the public, but that their own criticism may be informed. Hence the demand for occasional secret sessions. At a secret session it is expected that information will be imparted to members for their own use so that they can more effectively discharge their critical duties.

Parliament is playing a democratic role effectively, but not in the least in the usual Parliamentary way, or according to the tradition. It is possible that a House of Commons which can so change its procedure in this way may evolve a new technique which in time may fundamentally modify the party system.

# OSLO WAS BETRAYED BY NAZI PLOTTERS WITHIN HER GATES

## First Full Narrative of Germany's Penetration of the Fjord Defences and Seizure of the City

For the first time, in the despatch published below, the full story is revealed in Hongkong of the treachery among Nazi supporters in Norway and highly-placed officials which made possible to the German Navy and Army their unchallenged entry into Oslo.

It reveals that an order, forged in the name of Dr. Koht, Norway's Foreign Minister, forbade resistance by the warships at the naval base in Oslo Fjord; and that the electrically controlled minefields in the Narrows were rendered harmless as part of the plot.

Our contributor was also an eye-witness of the strange and bewildering events of the hours which followed the occupation and describes the "triumphal march" of the German troops—at that time numbering only some 1,500—through the principal boulevard. He tells of the embargo of the German censorship on all messages from Oslo to the outer world; his despatch now brings to light a story which was "crying to be told."

### BY AIR MAIL FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

#### STOCKHOLM.

FOR the first time the story behind Germany's paralysing twelve-hour invasion of Norway on Tuesday, April 9, can be told.

Between midnight and noon on that bewildering day Norway's capital, all her principal seaports and her most strategically valuable coastal defences fell into German hands like overripe pears.

The Norwegian people were stunned, as the Belgian people must have been stunned in 1914, and most of them still have not the slightest conception how this incomprehensible tragedy could have happened.

I spent these hours in Oslo, together with two other American newspapermen who were on the spot—Warren Irvin, of the National Broadcasting Corporation, and Edmund Stevens, of the Christian Science Monitor—and we ourselves could scarcely accept the evidence of our eyes. But I had to remain in Oslo through four days of the German occupation, to learn how this miracle of lightning naval and military occupation was made possible. Then I could scarcely believe my ears.

After that, with the last train connections with Sweden severed, Irvin and I decided to try somehow to get across the border.

#### NOT SUBDUED BY ARMS

It was the only possible way to give a detailed account of the most astonishing thing that has happened since the second World War began.

Norway's capital and great seaports were not captured by armed force. They were seized with unparalleled speed by means of a gigantic conspiracy which must be ranked among the most audacious and most perfectly oiled political plots of the past century.

By bribery and extraordinary infiltration on the part of Nazi agents, and by treason on the part of a few highly placed Norwegian civilian and defence officials, the German dictatorship built its Trojan horse inside Norway.

Then, when the hour struck, the German plotters spiked the guns of most of the Norwegian navy and reduced its formidable fortresses to impotence.

Absolute control by only a handful of key men in administrative positions was necessary to turn the trick and everything had been faultlessly prepared.

The conspiracy was about 90 per cent according to schedule. Only in two or three places was it marred by unexpected hitches, but Norway's sea gates were already wide open.

For the success of the German plan the capture of three key cities was essential. These three were Oslo, Bergen and Narvik. It is reported that Narvik was betrayed to the Germans by its commanding officer, How Berge's harbor. Her presence was taken remains a mystery so far as I can learn. But most important of all to the Nazi plot was the immediate domination of Oslo Fjord, with its mighty fortresses, and the forcing of its virtually impenetrable narrows at Drobak, together with the seizure of the great Norwegian naval base at Horten.

Only in this manner could the Germans penetrate to Oslo and deliver the almost irreparable blow to Norway's Parliamentary Government.

#### AGAINST ARMY ADVICE

To seize the whole of Oslo Fjord and force its narrows would have appeared impossible to any foreign government except the Nazi Dictatorship; but by methods even more astonishingly efficient than those which it used against Austria or Czechoslovakia, the inconceivable was accomplished. Until now I believe the outside world has had to guess how it was done.

To understand the scope of the conspiracy one must go back to somewhere near the climax of the plot. In Oslo I learned on most reliable authority that Germany's sea forces and troopships sailed from the German ports for their Norwegian adventure during the night of Thursday, April 4—three full days before the British mined the upper Norwegian coast between Bergen and Narvik. I was also informed with impressive assurance that the German army chiefs strongly opposed Hitler on the plan to invade Norway, because they insisted that the communication lines for an army of occupation in Norway would be most dangerously limited and exposed.

The Nazi party's Radical leaders supported the Führer in a decision taken against the counsel of the regular army chiefs.

On Friday night, April 5, while the German fleet and transports were already steaming towards Norway, an event of enormous historical import-

ance occurred at Oslo, and until now has probably never been reported. The German Legation held a soiree to which were invited 200 persons representing Norway's most influential personalities. All the members of the Government were invited, many officers of the defence forces, and leading bankers, shipping executives and industrialists. The invitation emphasised the importance of the soiree by stipulating white ties, uniforms "and decorations."

#### "BAPTISM OF FIRE"

Despite the great formality imposed it was no official dinner. Norway's elite had been invited to see "an unusually interesting film." It proved to be the cinema film "Baptism of Fire," which depicts in most graphic details Germany's aerial destruction in Poland. For over an hour the distinguished Norwegian audience sat in icy silence, gripped by the horror of the scenes. Afterwards the German Minister explained that the film was not a war but a peace film, since it showed what nations which chose peace would save their people German Legation that night filled with gloomy ominous thoughts.

In Oslo I learned that Major Quilting, leader of the pro-Nazi Norwegian party called the Samling and till to-night Premier of the so-called "National Government" set up after the German occupation, was in Berlin at the time the film was being shown in Oslo and while the expedition was being organised. He returned to Oslo on Saturday, April 6.

On Sunday night the British sowed the minefields below Narvik. On Monday Berlin's Press flamed against "provocation." In the first hours of Tuesday, April 9, Norway's naval defences were betrayed to the German fleet and the first German troops were landed at Fornebo, Oslo's airport, a few hours after daybreak.

This brings us to the methods by which Oslo Fjord and Oslo itself were captured from the sea in the early morning hours of April 9.

The Germans could not enter without controlling the vital Norwegian naval base at Horten. At 1.30 the morning—three and a half hours before Berlin's ultimatum was handed to Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister—the commander of three Norwegian warships at Horten received an urgent message. It was to Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, supposedly signed by Koht himself, and was accepted as coming direct from the Government via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It ordered the Norwegian ships not to fight against German warships which were about to come up the fjord, and to put all their men ashore immediately—without their arms.

Without questioning the origin of the order the commander ordered all his men ashore except stokers and messmen.

Here one slight hitch occurred which was costly for the Germans. The Norwegian minelayer Olav Tryggvason had unexpectedly put in for repairs the previous evening. Her presence was apparently unknown to the leaders of the conspiracy in Oslo. This was the only Norwegian war vessel which did not receive the order and thus she remained in a condition to fight.

Afterwards the Norwegian sailor who verified these developments declared that the Germans got in.

Meanwhile, an even greater coup had been scored by the plotters. The Narrows of Oslo Fjord were mined and controlled from Drobak. About 1.30 on the morning of April 9 these mines were all rendered harmless by being electrically disconnected from the Drobak control. The mystery of who ordered this to be done remained unsolved when I left Oslo, but this move enabled a German cruiser to penetrate the Narrows before dawn.

"Nothing We Could Do"

At 4.30, still half an hour before the German Minister handed the Nazi ultimatum to Dr. Koht, a German cruiser, believed to have been the Emden, accompanied by two submarines, reached Horten. There three Norwegian war vessels were completely helpless, but the little minelayer Olav Tryggvason blocked the entrance to the Narrows. She immediately discharged her torpedoes and sank the cruiser and one submarine.

It was reported, though I am unable to confirm this, that the cruiser Bluecher also was sunk by gunfire from the Narrows fort called Oskarborg.

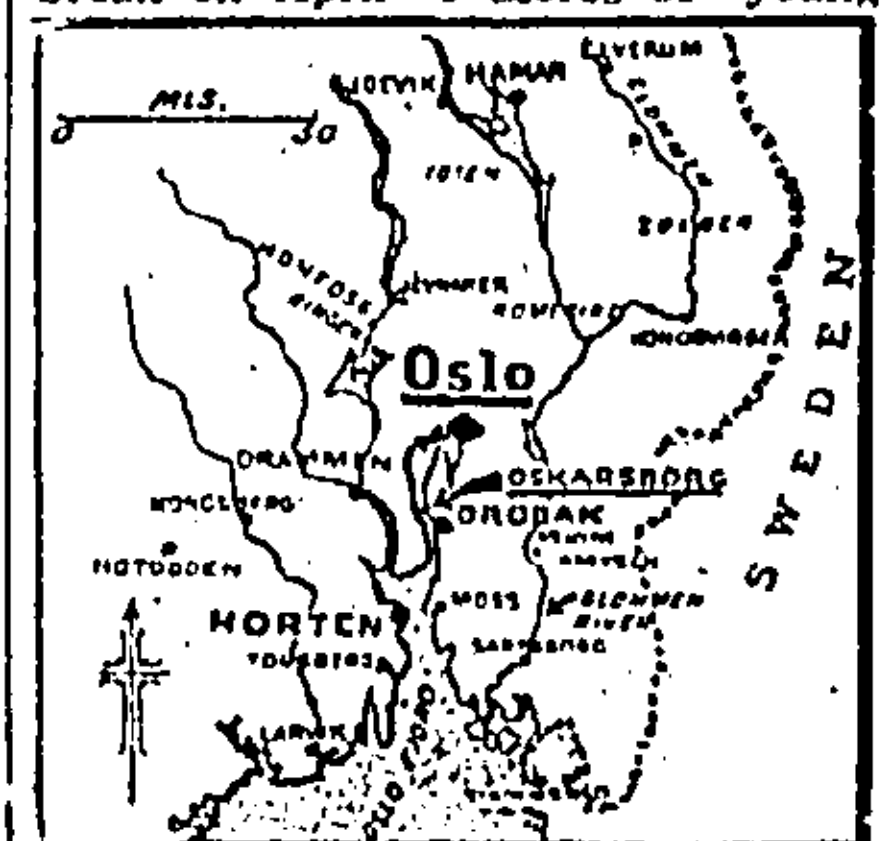
Any case the crews of all the other warships were ashore without arms at Horten; by daybreak the Germans had landed marines and seized Horten. The way through the Narrows was open and Oslo was defenceless from the sea.

I talked to another Norwegian who was one of the Horten naval base personnel that night. He confirmed all the main details of the above

events including the fact that two German cruisers were sunk. "Later the Germans got about 100 men ashore. There was some fighting. We had four men killed and the Germans two. But there was nothing we could do. The officers of our ships ran up white flags. We did not know why and I still do not know why. We thought they had orders from the Government."

In this fashion Norway's capital was betrayed from within and the German occupation of Oslo assured before Government knew what had happened or Parliament had courageously refused to capitulate.

Before the Germans had captured Horten, the Oslo Government had already ordered mobilisation as a precaution. Accordingly, before daybreak on April 9 scores of young



The Sea Approach to Oslo

Norwegians reported at Horten Railway Station. They were immediately rounded up by German marines of the landing party and placed aboard the German ships which had come up.

Meanwhile we had spent an eerie night at Oslo's Grand hotel, with a succession of air raid alarms, of which the first sounded 35 minutes after midnight, about the time the mobilisation was ordered.

At first I did not understand the alarm, as the sirens were different from those of Helsinki and sounded like motor-cars honking in a traffic jam. Later Stevens and I decided that the Norwegians were only rehearsing the air alarm as a precaution. So I refused to get up until seven o'clock. Then a Finnish diplomat informed me of the ultimatum and the Government's decision to leave.

At 7.45, while we still had not the slightest idea what had happened in Oslo Fjord and at Horten, five Nazi bombers suddenly came roaring over the rooftops so low that they almost touched them. We watched, then came, expecting every moment that bombs would fall. For two and a half hours German planes dived over the city, always only three or five in number. They were intended to terrorise the populace into inaction while the first troops were being landed by air at Fornebo, outside the city.

Thousands of Osloans gazed at them curiously and fearfully, but there was no panic. None of us dreamed that German warships were in the inner harbour and that Oslo was already doomed. We still thought that British ships and planes might come at any moment. It seemed utterly incredible that the Narrows could have been forced by the Germans and the powerful forts of the fjord silenced.

The same madness of incomprehensible events continued all day long. First there was mystification over the city's complete lack of defence from its naval forces and coastal forts. Then it was the immensity of the low-flying Nazi planes to the thousands of machine-gun bullets which spattered almost incessantly until after 10 o'clock. Then it was the further fact that only one anti-aircraft battery seemed to be firing against the German planes, and that even this became silent after firing only a few shells, all of which were inexplicably wide of their mark.

**Dazed Disorganisation**

Finally, at 10.30 came an equally fantastic jolt, during which the German planes only circled occasionally and absolutely nothing seemed to happen.

Tens of thousands of persons clustered in the streets and on the pavements, waiting utterly baffled. We all asked where the British were, but also, where were the Germans? Meanwhile I had a great battle to get the Telegraph Office to accept a despatch without a special Government Press card. At nine o'clock in the morning Stevens and I could find no responsible chief at his post in the telegraph building, only groups of perplexed employees standing about in the corridors—those few who had reported for work. It was

only through the personal intervention of Mr. Raymond Cox, First Secretary, who remained in charge of the American Legation, that our first despatches were finally accepted—the only despatches which were allowed to pass for more than 24 hours.

Norway's capital in very quarter was a scene of dazed disorganisation, completely without leadership. Apparently even the men who had been called to the colours did not know where to go or simply forgot about it. The streets were filled with men of fighting age, all standing watching the German planes, waiting and speculating but doing nothing and going nowhere.

It was like this until 2.30. Then, as I walked up to the hotel desk the porter asked me "Aren't you going out to see the Germans come in?"

"What do you mean, the Germans?"

"Yes, they're marching up Carl-Johan Boulevard any minute now." I called Irvin and Stevens; we rushed outside into the strangest scene imaginable. Oslo's beautiful main boulevard was jammed with people all flocking to see the Germans come in. Strangers of all were the Norwegian policemen calmly forming lines along the pavements clearing the streets for the Germans' triumphal entry. One policeman told me the Germans would be there within 10 minutes.

All this and what follows I told in a despatch which I handed in that afternoon—but the Germans had just taken over the telegraph building and I learned two days later that not a line of the despatch was ever sent.

Meanwhile we supposed that the world knew most of the story. We waited half an hour on the hotel balcony with an excellent view all the way up the boulevard to its beginning at the foot of the hill on which the Royal Palace stands.

**The Marching Column**

Shortly before three o'clock two lorries filled with a dozen German soldiers rolled along the street. Soldiers lolled in them with rifles dangling as if they had been assured that they had not the slightest reason to fear. From the rear of the second lorry two machine-guns poked their noses out, straight down the boulevard. Their crews lay prone, with intent, hard faces, ready to fire. This was the only show of force and all that was needed.

At 3.3 a murmur ran through the crowd. We could see two mounted men swinging into the boulevard in front of the Palace then six more, then the head of a marching column in field-grey. The mounted men were Norwegian policemen actually escorting the German troops which were occupying the capital. We looked on incomprehendingly. Later I was told that the Norwegian policemen never carry any kind of arms; this also was why they failed to fulfil the Government's order to arrest Quilting.

The German column marched steadily nearer through a lane of 20,000 or 30,000 Osloans, fully half of whom were men of military age. A tall, broad-shouldered officer, Gen. von Falkenhorst, and two other officers marched directly behind the mounted police. Then came the German regulars in column of threes, as if to make the line look as long as possible. One out of nine carried light machine-guns; and carried compact aluminium kits and bulky shoulder-packs.

They were hard-muscled, stony-faced men. They marched with rifles on shoulders with beautiful precision. Mostly they stared straight ahead, but some could not restrain triumphant smiles in the direction of the onlookers.

**Greeted With Nazi Salute**

Several times Falkenhorst and the other two officers returned the Nazi salutes of persons in the crowd, who must have been German advance agents and had been busy in Oslo for weeks before this crowning moment.

From our hotel balcony two Nazis gave the salute. I noticed in particular the beaming face of a chic, slim, blonde German woman whose husband had been very active in our hotel since we arrived the previous Thursday.

It was a thin, unbelievably short column. It required only six or seven minutes to march past. It was composed only of two incomplete battalions—surely less than 1,500 men in all.

Norway's capital of nearly 300,000 inhabitants was being occupied by a German force of approximately 1,500 men.

The last of the German troops went by without a single cheer or hiss, without a single tear noticeable on any Norwegian face. Take children.

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## SUBMARINE LOSSES

Britain Forfeits Only Seven So Far

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Since the beginning of the war Britain has only lost seven of the 57 submarines she then had.

This figure includes the two latest losses of the submarines Tarpon and Sterlet, which were reported last night to be overdue.

One of these seven submarines was sunk as a result of an accident. This is a remarkable figure in view of the many dangerous operations which the submarines of the Royal Navy have been called on to perform.

**Heavy Damage Inflicted**  
The damage they have inflicted is well illustrated by British Admiralty figures which show that in the last three weeks the Germans have lost 40 transport supply ships.

Of these 20 were sunk, another was scuttled, one was set on fire and another 10 were hit by torpedoes and probably sank.

There have also been an unknown number sunk by mines in Skaggerak.

The Germans themselves admit officially that they have lost 11 ships but claim that these were all small ships carrying not over 300 men. They claim that the total loss of men could not be more than 3,000.

Unofficial German sources, however, believe that the Allied mines and torpedoes have taken a much greater toll of transport supply ships and that troop losses are in the thousands.

## R.A.F. Pilots Decorated

Brilliant Work At Stavanger

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The announcement made in the "London Gazette" to-day of awards given to Air Force officers who participated in the attack on the Stavanger aerodrome and seaplane base in April.

A bar to the D.S.O. was given to Wing-Commander Basil Edwards, Embay who took part in two successful attacks by a squadron of 12 planes.

In the first attack one of his engines failed before he reached the objective and in the second attack he suffered frost bite.

**He Got Through**  
Flying Officer William Henry Edwards was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He piloted one of 12 planes and reached and attacked the target despite a heavy snow storm and heavy anti-aircraft fire.

When returning he attacked and hit a Dornier seaplane. The following day he piloted one of six aircraft which went to attack Stavanger aerodrome and seaplane base.

The weather was so bad that five of the aircraft were compelled to abandon the task but Flying Officer Edwards got through and attacked the objectives. He also obtained valuable information.

A Distinguished Flying Cross has also been awarded to Flight-Lt. Peter Woodbridge Townsend who shot down an enemy aircraft over the North Sea in April. This was his third success.

## Nazis Meet Their Match

Many Successes By R.A.F. Machines

LONDON, Apr. 30 (British Wireless).—During the last 24 hours formations of R.A.F. Coastal Command aircraft on patrol along the Norwegian coast report a series of encounters with enemy bombers.

One small flight of Blenheims over Andalsnes gave chase to a Junkers 88 which accelerated to top speed and took refuge in the clouds.

Avoiding action of this kind was also reported by two Heinkel 111's which the Blenheims intercepted and attacked from astern.

**Had Rough Encounter**  
The Blenheims next observed a Messerschmitt 110 climbing out of the cloud and prepared to meet it. The Nazi fighter had a rough encounter and was last seen spiralling down in distress.

Two other Coastal Command aircraft saw a Heinkel 111 flying dead across their track. They got on its tail and pursued it for ten minutes with sustained fire. This Heinkel also flew into the cloud and could not be found again.

**Fled In Smoke**  
Another Junkers 88 was attacked effectively from the quarter and rear. Its tail gun was put out of action and as it fled great plumes of black smoke came from both its engines. The German was losing height rapidly as it made off.

Entering a fjord further south, Coastal Command aircraft met another Junkers 88 which turned and escaped in the clouds over the hills behind the fjord.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (British Wireless).—A small party of Press representatives are awaiting to go to the Norwegian front at short notice. More will follow.

ISTANBUL, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The British and French Ambassadors were received by President Inonu yesterday. The Turkish Foreign Minister was present at the talks.

# Allied Forces In Precarious Position? TALK OF "LAST STAND" IN CENTRAL NORWAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 30 (UP).—Military experts are speculating on the prospects of the Allied forces making a successful "last stand" in central Norway in order to defend their positions south of Trondheim.

If they withdraw, it is assumed that they will concentrate at Narvik and Steinkjer.

The difficult terrain makes it hard to judge the German strength in Gudbrands Valley, and Allied reinforcements might easily turn the tide of battle.

**Fierce Allied Resistance**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, April 30 (UP).—D.N.B. claims to-day that, in twenty days, German troops in Norway have succeeded in covering a distance equal to that between Berlin and Nuremberg (near the French frontier).

The report points out the importance of effecting a junction between the Nazi forces besieged in Trondheim and those operating northwards from Oslo.

In addition to freeing the Trondheim garrison from dependence on water borne and air borne reinforcements and supplies, it is also of prime military importance because of its effect in nullifying the Allied plan to advance on Trondheim from Namsos in the south and from Dombas in the north, thus destroying the corner-stone of German operations in central Norway.

D.N.B. admits that the resistance by the British and Norwegian forces is "fierce and stubborn."

"The English threw their regiments forward. They utilised natural advantages for defence and destroyed bridges. But our troops pushed them back inexorably while our air force destroyed their communications in the rear," the report claimed.

**Railway Still Controlled**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
FJERNES, Apr. 30 (UP).—Despite the extravagant Nazi claims, the Norwegian authorities maintain that the Allies still control the railway between Dombas and Støren.

Allied troops, together with artillery units, are assembling along the entire railway to repel any German attack from the south.

French forces are centred at Hjerkingen.

Expert opinion indicates that, in addition to protecting themselves from the German attack, the Allies intend to launch a massive attack on Trondheim itself, thus frustrating any German attempt to contact the troops at present isolated in that city.

**Rushing Up Artillery**  
The Allies are reported to be unloading heavy artillery, mechanised units and other weapons of the most modern type in this sector.

Norwegian military authorities admit that a large number of German troops are concentrated between Tynset and Røros but, from a military viewpoint, the position is of small importance.

The highway between Støren and Røros is too narrow to permit the passage of large trucks or mechanised units, and the movement of heavy supplies is impossible owing to destroyed bridges and tunnels and the dynamiting of strategic parts of the road.

Expert ski troops may be able to reach Trondheim from Støren, but no major German force can break through.

Fighting around Snarøya, which is north-east of Steinkjer, is confined to skirmishes between ski patrols, according to the frontier correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter."

**Norwegians Dig In**  
The correspondent quotes the Norwegian commander as stating that the Norwegians are dug in on the east shore of the lake, and also have good positions along the railway from Steinkjer to Grong.

The French troops are reported to be holding the line on the other side of the lake.

Norwegian troops are protecting the flank extending to the Swedish frontier.

According to the correspondent, the Germans yesterday launched a strong but unsuccessful attack on Tangen, an indefatigable courage.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The War Office announced that in the Dombas area the British are fighting with indomitable courage and have resisted any further advance by the enemy.

North of Steinkjer, British troops again proved their superiority in patrol work, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

**British Reinforcements Land**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, Apr. 30 (UP).—Military circles in Berlin are claiming that the German occupation of Dombas and Opdal, which they say occurred "unexpectedly and quickly," although the Allied Command denies their capture, renders the English position at Gudbrands Valley and Andalsnes "absolutely hopeless."

A German High Command communiqué states that the Germans are now in a position to pour unimpeded streams of reinforcements and supplies to the north of the British positions near Steinkjer.

In all their reports on the latest military developments on the northern front, German quarters emphasise the speed with which the Nazi columns poured along the narrow valleys over very difficult terrain.

**Nazi Hold Railway, Claim**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The official Nazi news agency states that news has just reached Berlin from Norway that German troops have taken Dombas.

It is stated that German troops advanced northward from Otta in the Gudbrands Valley along the railway line towards Andalsnes.

The High Command claims that the main Oslo-Trondheim railway line is now in German hands.

In addition to Dombas, the statement states, the Germans have captured Opdal on the Trondheim line north-east of Dombas.

**No Confirmation**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—There is no confirmation in well-informed circles here of the reports that Dombas and Støren have fallen to the enemy.

**Official Communiqué**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A War Office communiqué states: "In Sunday's fighting in the Gudbrands Valley, the enemy attacked strongly with the support of tanks and low-flying aircraft. All the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses, including the destruction of three medium tanks."

"During the night our troops made a short withdrawal to a position covering Dombas."

"Air attacks on Andalsnes and Molde continued during the day."

"In the Namsos and Narvik areas, the situation remains unchanged."

**Fresh Allied Landings**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Fresh landings of Allied troops are said to have been made south of Trondheim.

This report is still without official confirmation.

However, messages from Stockholm state that landings have been made at Molde Fjord and Sundal Fjord, near Andalsnes.

From these two fjords there are good motor roads to the Gudbrands Valley which lead to two small villages north and south of Dombas.

Other reports speak of reinforcements being landed at Namsos, which is north of Trondheim.

There is no important change in the position in the Allied and German positions just north of Steinkjer.

**Patrols Active**  
A communiqué issued from this sector on Monday night spoke of patrol activity.

Enemy patrols were repulsed with losses and several prisoners were taken.

A British raiding party ambushed a German detachment and took several prisoners.

Some of the reinforcements in the Namsos sector include crack ski troops.

Messages from Stockholm say that in this sector the Allies have strong positions with ski troops protecting the east flank as far as the Swedish border.

**Nazi Claim Doubted**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Yesterday the German High Command claimed that the Nazi forces moving south from Trondheim had linked up with similar forces coming up from Oslo.

London sources however, point out that so far this has not yet been confirmed.

Reports from the Swedish border throw a somewhat different light on the subject.

In the first place this linking of communications, if true, has not been by way of either of the main valleys between Oslo and Trondheim. These two valleys are the Gudbrands and Oster Valleys.

A small force has already been reported to have left the Oster Valley to try and cross the heights. They have come out somewhere between Dombas and Støren. But it is said that this force has met with Norwegian resistance on the hills.

**Still Held By Allies**  
According to the latest and apparently authentic reports both Støren and Dombas, as well as Hjerkingen, are in Allied hands.

Even if confirmed the German claim is not as important as it might seem at first.

The heads of both main valleys from Oslo are apparently still held by the Allies.

A daring drive by one armoured column across the hills would not of itself be big news.

In the Oster valley the Germans captured Røros on Monday and got to work on the broken bridges north of the town.

Messages from Stockholm yesterday said that this repair work had been interrupted.

The Norwegian troops have been reinforced while it is said that German reinforcements have been diverted in the Gudbrands Valley.

**But Hitler Believes It**  
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Hitler has sent an Order of the Day to German units in Norway stating that German troops have established connection by land between Oslo and Trondheim.

Thus the Western Powers' intention to bring Germany to her knees by a belated occupation of Norway has been finally crushed.

"You have accomplished the mighty task which I had to impose on you. I am proud of you. As the highest mark of my gratitude, I award to General von Falkenhof the Knight's Insignia of the Iron Cross."

"I shall also decorate the bravest among you, but the highest reward

## Half Germany In Depths Of Despair

NEW YORK, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A stirring of feeling among the German people is reported by Mr. William Russell, of the United States Embassy in Berlin.

Mr. Russell returned recently to the United States.

Although 50 per cent. of the people were happier since the invasion of Norway and Denmark, he said, the other 50 per cent. were in the depths of despair.

Not many Germans think that they will win the war.

## Statement On Norway

Premier Hopes To Speak This Week

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition, asked Mr. Chamberlain whether he would be able to make a statement on Norway.

The Prime Minister said that he desired to make a statement as soon as possible and, while not wishing to be pledged, he expected to be able to make this statement this week.

Mr. Attlee said that while they all recognised the need for care in giving information while operations were in progress, he expressed the hope that the Prime Minister would give the fullest possible information at the earliest time possible.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "That is my intention."

## Tributes To Gallant Men

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Tributes to the gallantry of the Expeditionary Force in Norway were paid by the British Press yesterday.

The "Yorkshire Post" condemns irresponsible criticism of the campaign and says that one must consider what is being done in the light of the great difficulties involved.

The paper praises the heroic work of the Allied troops who are gravely handicapped by the Nazi advantage in the air.

**Even Nazis Paid Tribute**  
The "Daily Mail" comments that a German communiqué on Monday had to pay tribute to the stubborn resistance of our forces.

"The Times" says that the local superiority of the Germans in the air has not yet been fully justified by the exaggerated claims put forward by Berlin.

For instance, the German air force failed to prevent the landing of Allied troops. But, continues the paper, it is now highly necessary to overcome this superiority.

is the conviction that in the most faithful fight for our nation's existence, you have made a decisive contribution."

**Armies In Contact**  
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The latest German claims hitherto are not confirmed by independent Swedish despatches, but it is known that contact between the Allies and Germans has been made at various points along the Dombas-Støren Railway.

Reports reaching here state that the Allies are strongly reinforcing troops along the railway, and south of Dombas the reinforcements were brought from fresh landing places between Trondheim and Bergen.

Fighting was reported early to-day at Hjerkingen, where a German mechanised detachment has come down from the mountains after pushing across a difficult snowbound road.

A second detachment, which left Tynset, is reported to be still held by Norwegian troops at Kvikne, 15 miles from the railway.

It is noted here that the German troops which are claimed by the German High Command to have made contact near Støren with the forces from Trondheim are these troops.

**On Steinkjer Front**  
On the Steinkjer front, German troops, without awaiting reinforcements from the south, made violent surprise attacks against the French and Norwegian lines on both sides of Lake Snarøya, according to a statement by Norwegian Headquarters to the correspondent of the "Allied Press."

These onslaughts, supported by heavy artillery and planes, were driven back after severe fighting in which, the correspondent announces, heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans.

The reason for the sudden German attacks is believed to be the advent of warmer weather, which will soon make the roads very difficult for mechanised troops. The roads are turning into slush while loosening ice on the streams threaten floods.

## HOT R.A.F. AIR RAID

Fornebu Becomes An Inferno

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Last night's air raid on Fornebu started shortly after midnight and lasted over an hour.

Numerous high explosive bombs were dropped and bursts were seen spreading across the landing ground.

**Attacks Pressed Home**  
In the absence of the moon, parachute flares were dropped to facilitate observation.

Strong opposition from gun batteries and searchlights developed, but all attacks were pressed home and considerable damage is believed to have been done to the airport and aircraft.

One British aircraft failed to return.

## New Leak In Blockade

Nazi Plane Services With Neutrals

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Mr. R. H. Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, was asked in the House of Commons to-day what steps he was taking to check aerial traffic to and from Germany, especially over routes leading from Spain and Portugal, and connecting with Pan-American trans-Atlantic routes to the United States.

Mr. Cross replied that as aircraft do not land in Allied territory it is difficult to check them without some arrangements with the neutrals concerned.

The possibilities are being examined.

Mr. Cross added that he certainly was not satisfied with the position and that he was doing everything he could.

## HITLER WILL KEEP QUIET

No May Day Harangue This Year

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—For the first time since he came to power, Hitler will not make a speech to celebrate Labour Day.

The only speech scheduled for May 1 is by Rudolf Hess, Deputy Fuehrer, to members of the Krupp Works at Essen.

The speech is not expected to contain any sensations.

## HIRED MERCHANT VESSELS

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—An agreement on the tariff hire of requisitioned merchant vessels has been reached, according to a statement by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Shipping, in the House of Commons to-day.

Under an agreement with representatives of deep sea tramp owners, a scale of rates has been fixed, based on six shillings per deadweight ton per month for steam vessels of 8,000 tons deadweight and above from March 1.

The corresponding rate for the previous period since the beginning of requisitioning was 5s. 6d.

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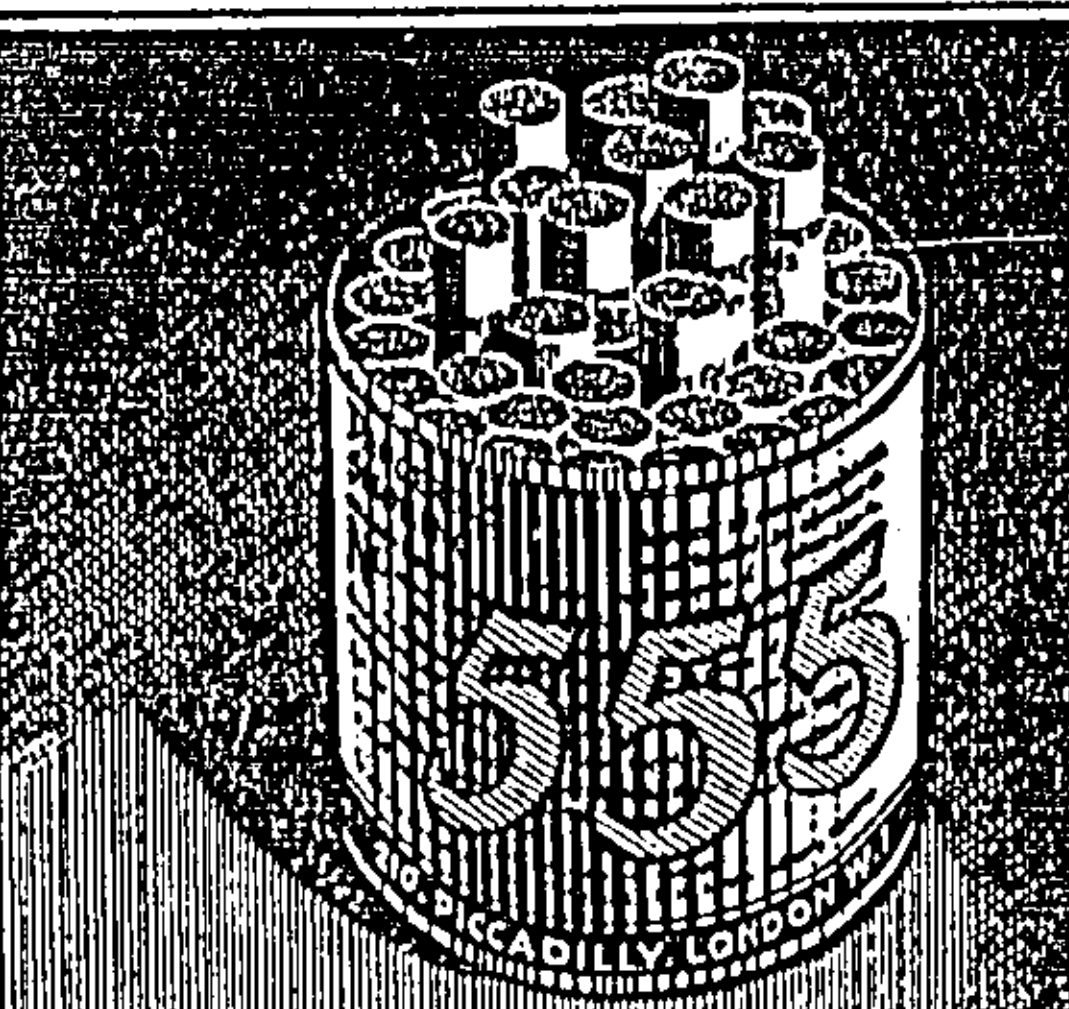
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# Around The Courses

## MAKING AN OLD COURSE NEW

### Sam Snead Nominated The "Coming" Golfer

#### Swiss Combine Golf And Baseball

(By "Birdie")

IT CAN ONLY BE DONE when the Course is empty, or nearly empty. But playing the course backwards or haphazardly provide endless interest and enjoyment. Long holes—really long holes—can be had for the making, and short holes—really short holes—are designed with equal facility.

Very few people were able to go out to the Country Club, Sheungshui, last week-end, and there were only about a dozen players on the nine-hole course. A foursome in the afternoon set out on this experiment, and a really very enjoyable 18 holes were played.

The longest possible hole was from the 6th tee to the 8th green, and it measured, I should think, a little over 600 yards. The shortest was from the 8th tee to the 7th green—about 40 yards. It would take a mathematician with permutations and combinations to work out all the possible variations to a course—I think it runs into hundreds.

One of the most interesting holes on Sunday was from the 7th tee to the 2nd green, cutting across the 6th fairway (that is why the course has to be empty). The player with the honour had the nomination of the next hole, but in going first he gave away information to the others by the number of the club and the place where he landed. In the selection of this hole—comparatively short—the accepted lay-out of a hole was reversed. There was no rough ground to penalise a duffed tee shot—but there was very broken country to trap the one who failed to pitch on the green.

There is an endless variety to be got out of playing a course in this manner—and in its playing, some excellent ideas are to be had for future alterations.

ONE Sarazen, America's nomination as the outstanding player of the past decade, has joined with Bert Montrosser in voicing the opinion that Sam Snead is the man of the future—and not so far off. Montrosser has nation wide reputation in America for being able to spot a golfer's troubles at a glance, and to him have gone several of the professionals for hints.

"He hasn't reached the peak yet," said Sarazen, "but when that man starts to win he's not going to win by only two strokes, but by ten." "Snead is you, man," says Montrosser. "Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen, Walter Hagen and some of the

other boys were top men during their time, but Sammy is over them all. He'll be first in the field for at least ten years."

"He hasn't reached his peak yet. Everyone doesn't know it, but Sam hasn't been able to play his best game for two years. When he's really he'll tear the course apart, and turn in scores that will make them look like miniature set-ups."

According to Montrosser, Snead's success lies in his perfect balance. In making his swing he does so with an ease that is at least a foot longer than does anyone else. Consequently he has made himself the most consistent long driver the world has ever known.

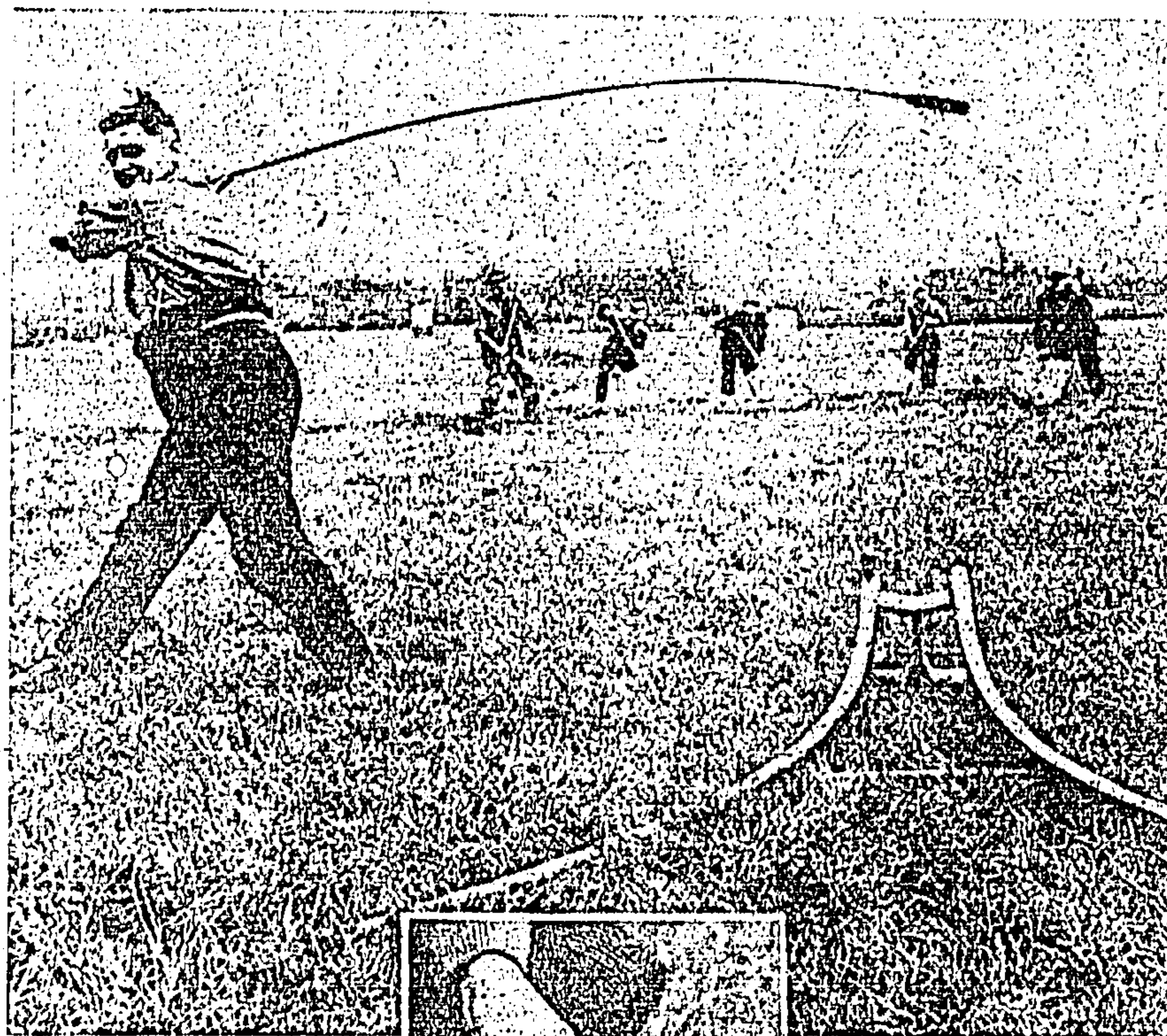
Though Jimmy Thomson will hit three woods, and make golfing history with one of them, the other two shots will shoot off into the trees. Snead will do the same thing, and though he may not match Thomson's best drive, his average will be far better—straight and anything between 280 to 350 yards down the fairway, depending on the state of the turf.

"One time we were playing a tournament out in Chicago," went on Montrosser. "We started out in threesomes. I was to do the No. 4 course with two other boys, while Snead and a pair toured No. 1. I must have been on my game that day, because I came in with a 70. It made me feel pretty good. Though I must have broken a record. But a few minutes later Snead walked in with a 64."

"When that boy finally gets to the point where he can play his best game, nobody will ever beat him. Wall and see. He's by far the greatest golfing machine the world has yet seen."

THE Swiss had a word for the ancient game shown in the picture. It was hornuss—or in English, hornet. It is a combination of golf and baseball, and the name comes from the buzzing sound made by the hornuss through the air. It is

### GOLF CUM-BASEBALL IN SWITZERLAND



Swinging into action. The outfield are playing close in for the benefit of the photographer. A sturdy Swiss about to send the hornuss on a 300-yard drive.

about 2½ inches in diameter and one inch thick, and though previously made of wood is now made of leather.

The "puck" is tied up on a rail about a foot from the ground, and is struck by a ten-foot ash pole. Three hundred yard drives are recorded, and the object of the fielders (armed with their peculiarly shaped bats) is to stop it, and in doing so save a point.

If the batter hits the hornuss three times out of bounds, he is "struck out" as in baseball.

The hornuss game is generally played in the early autumn when Switzerland's fields have been cut for the last time.

Antedating baseball and golf, the two sports that it most closely resembles, the game has grown in popularity since the beginning of the nineteenth century until in 1902 a special league was formed.

The traditional home of the ancient game is Emmmental, in the Bernese district, where it has been played for centuries past.



A close-up (left) of the hornuss being placed in position on the driving platform. It appears to have two grooves—one for a left-handed batter.

### M. PAGH WINS CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

#### B. C. Fay Defeated By Three Sets To One

M. PAGH GAINED the Hongkong Cricket Club Singles Tennis Championship yesterday beating B. C. Fay by 9-7, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 in the final. Pagh showed a far better control over his shots than did his opponent, and very deservedly took the title.

Fay's strongest point was his service, but in all other departments showed an erratic failing. He chose

### Open Tennis Singles Final To-day

The final of the Colony Open Tennis Singles Championship between Tsui Wai-pui, holder, and S. A. Rumjahn will take place this afternoon at the Hongkong Cricket Club Stand Court, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

the baseline game, and by so doing undoubtedly lost a number of points that he might conceivably have gained had he stormed the net following service.

There was a keen struggle for the first set, Fay had every opportunity of winning. He broke through at the tenth game, and in the succeeding game had two set points but failed with both. Pagh went into the lead, and eventually won the set at 9-7.

#### QUICK SETS

PAGH outplayed his opponent in the second set to win easily by 6-1, but in the third set he either relaxed or lost touch for Fay took the set with a similar score.

The eventual winner took over control again in the fourth set, and though Fay was limping, apparently with an injured foot, Pagh was a worthy winner. Fay strove hard with his handicap, but even had his foot been well it is doubtful whether he could have won the match.

### LARGE UNITS HOCKEY FINAL

THE FINAL of the Large Units Hockey Tournament will take place to-morrow at Bookhampton between the H.K.S.R.A. and the Russian Rifles. Killy-off will be at 4.30 p.m.

## COLONY ATHLETIC MEET TO-MORROW

### South China Athletic Association Sponsors

ATHLETES IN THE COLONY should be looking forward to Thursday, when the All-Schools and Colony athletic meet will be held under the auspices of the South China Athletic Association, at Caroline Hill.

The meet will be run on three successive days, May 2, 3 and 4. The proceeds will be donated to War Relief funds.

Contests commence to-morrow, Thursday, at 9 a.m., when the competing schools will parade on the ground.

On the three days, school events will start at 10.30 a.m. after which events open to the Colony will be run.

Although not very many entries have been received, it has been decided to include a number of open events for women.

#### TWENTY-ONE OPEN EVENTS

THERE ARE 21 open contests, but

owing to scarcity of entries only two necessitate heats—the 110 metres hurdles and 100 metres. Following are the open events, and dates:

May 2.—110 Metres Hurdles (heats), 100 Metres (heats), 400 Metres, 1100 Yards, Discus Throw, 1,600 Metres Relay, 200 Metres Relay (women).

May 3.—400 Metres Hurdles, 100 Metres (heats), 400 Metres, Pole Vault, Shot Put, 100 Metres (women), Throwing the Baseball (women).

May 4.—100 Metres Hurdles (heats), 200 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Broad Jump, Javelin Throw, 400 Metres Relay, 50 Metres (women), Broad Jump (women), 400 Metres Relay (women).

### RACES AT NEWMARKET

LONDON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The first Spring two-year-old Stakes was won to-day by Luminary carrying 8 stone 9 lbs. Lord Derby's Estuary (8 st. 8 lbs.) was second, and Mrs. Arthur James's Counter-scarp (8 st. 9 lbs.) was third.

Five ran. The odds respectively were 4/1, 100/30 and 20/1. Distances were a short head and a short head.

### Junior Cricket League Play-off

THE PLAY-OFF for the Junior Cricket League Championship between the Indian Recreation Club and the Police R.C. will take place on the former's ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.

A neutral ground was unavailable.

### Bowls Fixture Re-arranged

In view of the above match, the Third Division Lawn Bowls fixture between the Indian R.C. and the Kowloon F.C. will now take place on the latter's rinks.

### Altered Probables For 2,000 Guineas

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The following alterations have been made to the list of Probables for the Two Thousand Guineas:

Through The Mist will be ridden by Cliff Richards, Bon Accord by Marshall, Lucullus (Bartlam), Baldoroch (Weston), el Morocco (Sibritt), Epilobum (Jones), Congratulations (Boury).

Bouillon and Nuit de Noce have no jockeys.

Adius and Black Toni have scratched.

### First Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gala On May 25

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. held their first full-committee swimming meeting yesterday evening when it was decided to hold their first monthly swimming gala on Saturday, May 25, at 8 p.m.

The following events will comprise the programme:

Men members' 50 yards aggregate handicap.

Lady members' 50 yards aggregate handicap.

Mixed Novelty Race-Open.

Men Members' 150 Yards Medley Team race (teams of three).

Lady Members' 50 yards breast stroke handicap.

Men Members' 50 yards back-stroke handicap.

Members' Diving (Mixed)—Sealed handicap.

Men's 200 Yards Invitation free-style relay—Royal Scots, Middlesex Regt., Combined Small Units and Y.M.C.A.

Men's 50 Yards breast-stroke handicap.

Water-polo—Y.M.C.A. v. Army Champions (R. Corps Signals).

An informal dance will follow the gala which is expected to take about an hour and three-quarters.

Entries will close on May 18, and hand-capping will be done on May 21.

Entrance fee for spectators will be 40 cents, and 30 cents for service-men.

### SPORT ADVTS.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 11th and Monday, 13th May, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd May, 1940.

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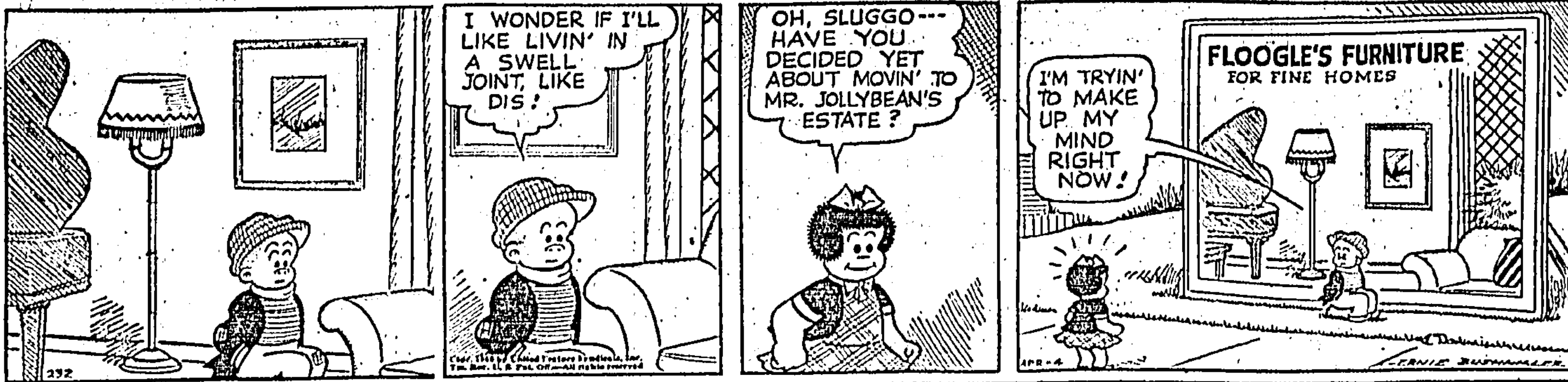
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## WITH THE DIGGERS IN PALESTINE



AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN PALESTINE.—Men having the first meal on land after disembarkation in Palestine.

## NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE RESERVISTS

CANBERRA.—Those who suggested that the outbreak of war would result in an exodus of population from Canberra are being proved wrong in a manner which threatens to embarrass the Federal Government. The city is in the grip of a matrimonial epidemic. Announcements of engagements and marriages in the last seven months have broken all records, even in a city in which the marriage rate was already high. The Federal Government agrees that it is to see the young people settling down, but satisfaction is tempered by dismay at the likelihood of the necessity for an early drive to attract typists to the public service to fill the vacancies. It may soon be necessary to bring girls from Melbourne and Sydney for this purpose. Moreover, the spate of weddings is accentuating the housing shortage, and those who look ahead foresee the necessity for bigger buildings for the baby boom and more wards at the hospitals.

### BOOKMAKER'S DEATH

BRISBANE.—Worry over cancellation of his bookmaker's licence by the Queensland Turf Club Committee has led to the death of James Henry Duley, aged 70, of Woolloowin, whose body was found in his garage at Alliban.

Evidence to this effect was given by Constable A. V. Kirkwood at the inquest, when it was stated Duley had died from a gas in the left wrist, believed to have been self-inflicted with a pocket knife.

Constable Kirkwood said Duley appeared before the Licensing Committee of the Queensland Turf Club, when an inquiry into his finances was held. To be allowed to field on the flat at metropolitan race courses, a bookmaker required to have £100. Duley had not that amount and before being allowed to field he had to produce his money to the racecourse detective.

Constable Kirkwood said the Full Committee of the Turf Club refused Duley's nomination to field and his licence was revoked.

The inquest was closed.

### CANTEEN QUESTION

MELBOURNE.—The men at Torquay military camp drank 7,500 bottles of milk a day on the first five days after the milk bar opened at the camp, and it was reported at the Methodist Conference the installation of milk bars in Victorian camps has cost £300.

The Conference passed a resolution commending the Federal Government for their decision in favour of "dry" canteens and urged all necessary action to ensure that the camps remained dry.

The Rev. G. A. Jenkins said the Conference was disturbed at a report that all the padres at a certain camp favoured "wet" canteens. The only padre in that camp at the time was two Roman Catholics, two Anglicans, and one representing the Baptist and Congregational Churches. The action of the last-named had been regarded by the leaders of his churches.

### EN ZEDS FOR GENEVA

AUCKLAND (N.Z.).—The New Zealand Government will send a full de-

## Stalin Couldn't Wage a Big War Without Defeat—TROTSKY

STUDENT  
(1913)  
SOLDIER  
(1914-18)  
DOCTOR  
(1919-1939)  
AIR MAN  
(1940)

THE FIRST R.A.F. flying doctor since the war began has just gained his wings.

He is senior medical officer at a fighter command stationed in the south of England. A South African, he fought in the last war as an infantryman in German East Africa.

After the war he studied medicine in England, and built up a successful practice. Then he took up flying, and got his "A" licence at a mid-lands flying club. He bought his own machine, and with his family, did more than 200 hours' flying over Britain, Germany, France and Belgium.

Before the war, R.A.F. medical officers were given flying lessons, and more than 20 per cent. passed pilots' tests. Now wartime pressure on training schools has cut down their opportunities.

R. Stehr, Sydney Eastern Suburbs' Rugby League captain, said in Sydney that he had decided to play this season. He announced his retirement last season. He had been running an injured back by running three miles during the team's first training session at the Sports Ground. Including Dave Brown, all last year's team, with the exception of Norton and Norval, turned up. Frank Johnston, New South Wales representative against New Zealand in 1938, who did not play last season owing to injuries, had had a try-out as centre-three-quarter for Balmain.

## Nazis Say Victory In Norway Will Aid Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 30. (UP).—In his Orders for the Day, Hitler said to-day: "The inexorable advance of the German troops in Norway to-day established land connections between Oslo and Trondheim."

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" in an editorial, says: "Our victory will be an advantage to Japan."

"The unwritten division of oceans between the United States and Britain will be badly undermined by a British defeat in Norway."

"A German victory will divert America from the policy of keeping a tight rein on Japan."

The paper claims that the United States has a secret agreement with Britain to protect Singapore and Australia.

The complete scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis . . . . . 2 5 1  
New York . . . . . 1 2 1

Chicago . . . . . 9 12 0  
Boston . . . . . 4 0 4

Cleveland . . . . . 10 13 1  
Philadelphia . . . . . 5 12 0

Detroit . . . . . 4 9 2  
Washington . . . . . 9 13 1

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia . . . . . 6 11 1  
Pittsburgh . . . . . 2 8 0

Brooklyn . . . . . 3 5 3  
Cincinnati . . . . . 0 0 0

(Carmichael pitched for the Dodgers).

Boston . . . . . 7 12 0  
Chicago . . . . . 8 13 2

The New York-St. Louis game was postponed on account of rain.

## TRUTH ABOUT RED ARMY

AFTER HIS WAR of aggression in little Finland, what will Josef Stalin, Dictator of Russia, do next? Scandinavia waits anxiously.

Here, Leon Trotsky, who knows so well the inner workings of Stalin's mind and Soviet diplomacy, answers the question with another: What can Stalin do next?

"The Soviet Union could not win a major war," he says.

By LEON TROTSKY

CAN WE EXPECT that the Soviet Union would come out of a great war without defeat? To this frankly posed question I will answer as frankly:

"If the war should remain only a war the defeat of the Soviet Union would be inevitable."

"In a technical, economic, and military sense imperialism is incomparably more strong. If it is not paralysed by revolution in the west, imperialism will sweep away the present Soviet regime."

To enumerate in advance all the factors of the coming dog-fight of the nations would be a hopeless task. In the bloody equation of war, there are too many unknown quantities. There are on the side of the Soviet Union immense favourable factors, both inherited from the past and created by the new regime. The experience of intervention during the civil war proved once more that Russia's greatest advantage has been and remains her vast spaces.

### Unlimited Man-Power

#### Of The Soviet

Russia's second great advantage is her human reservoir. Having grown almost three million per year, the population of the Soviet Union has apparently now passed 170 million. A single recruiting class comprises about 1,300,000 men.

The strictest sorting, both physical and political, would throw out not more than 400,000. The reserves, therefore, which may be theoretically estimated at 18 million to 20 million, are practically unlimited.

But Nature and man are only the raw materials of war. The so-called military "potential" depends primarily upon the economic strength of the State. In this sphere the advantages of the Soviet Union by comparison with the old Russia are enormous.

Nevertheless the Soviet Union still remains a backward country. The mobilisation plans of the Red Army call for thirty to forty-five tanks per kilometre (1/4th of a mile) of the active front. As a result of the Great War the navy was reduced from 548,000 tons in 1917 to 82,000 in 1928.

### Mighty Air Fleet

#### —In Numbers

In January 1936 Tukhachevsky announced: "We are creating a powerful navy. We are concentrating our forces primarily upon the development of a submarine fleet." Still, the navy can pretend only to an auxiliary role in the defence of the coastal front.

But the air fleet has advanced mightily. The Red Army is producing in increasing numbers heavy bombing planes for long range action.

According to data appearing in the Press, the five-year plan of the Red Army for 1935 contemplated sixty-two air regiments capable of bringing simultaneously 5,000 aeroplanes into the line of fire.

Aviation is closely bound up with a branch of industry, almost non-existent in Tsarist Russia, but lately advancing by leaps and bounds—chemistry. It is no secret that the Soviet Government does not believe for a second in the oft-repeated "prohibition" of the use of poison gas.

We may assume that against any catastrophic surprises whatever in

the sphere of military chemistry or military bacteriology, these most mysterious and sinister enterprises, the Red Army is as well equipped as the armies of the West.

As to the quality of the articles of military manufacture, there may be a legitimate doubt. Military industry remains a part of the whole industry and, although to a lesser degree, reflects its inadequacies.

### Inferior Supplies

#### To The Red Army

Voroshilov loses no opportunity to remind the industrialists: "We are not always fully satisfied with the quality of the products which you supply to the Red Army."

Were it not for the contradictions of Imperialism the Soviet Union would long ago have disappeared from the scene. The diplomatic and military agreements of the Soviet Union are based in part upon them.

Diplomatic agreements, as a German Chancellor with some reason once remarked, are only "scraps of paper." It is nowhere written that they must survive even up to the outbreak of war. Social regimes must be estimated comparatively. Notwithstanding all its own contradictions, the Soviet regime in the matter of stability still has advantages over other regimes.

The very possibility of a rule of the Nazis over the German people was created by the unbearable tension of social antagonisms in Germany. These antagonisms have not been removed, and not even weakened, but only suppressed, by the lid of Fascism.

The war may bring them to the surface. Hitler has far less chances than had Wilhelm II of carrying a war to victory.

## U.S. STOCKS TO BE SOLD

CANBERRA, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—Australian shareholders in 14 United States companies and one Canadian company have been ordered to dispose of their holdings of specified dollar stocks within six months and to lodge the net proceeds in the New York account of the Commonwealth Bank.

The transactions should realise \$5,000,000 and the owners will receive the equivalent Australian value.

Morton Beat Clyde

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—Playing away, Morton beat Clyde by 3-0 to-day in the Western Section of the Scottish Regional soccer leagues.

### League Rugger

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—In the English Rugby League to-day, Kelshley beat Huntley by 21 points to 11.

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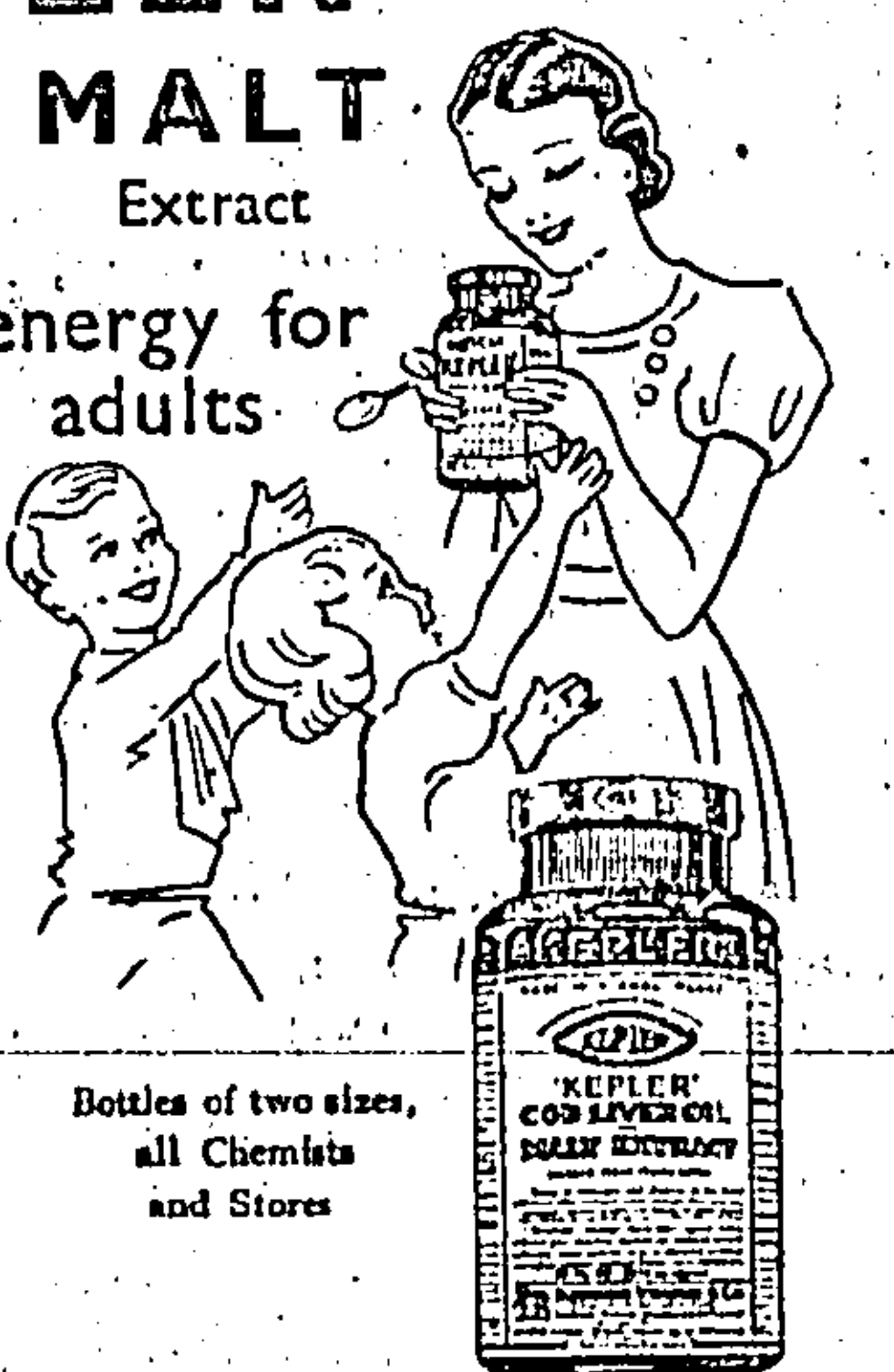
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## GERMAN CLAIMS PREMATURE Neutral Observers Disbelieve Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, May 1 (UP).—A neutral summary of reports of the fighting on the northern and southern fronts in Norway indicates that the German reports of victories in the Trondheim (southern) area are grossly exaggerated.

On the other hand, the British forces in the north are still continuing to meet with considerable success, despite the hampering effect of Nazi air operations.

The present German offensive in the south is, however, the most important at this juncture.

A Nazi breakthrough, which is already claimed in Berlin, might seal the fate of the British operations in this sector.

However, even if the Germans do succeed in establishing communication overland between Oslo and Trondheim, it is to be remembered that they must be maintained by strong defensive action against Allied land forces and air raids along the entire line of communications.

**No Fixed Front Lines**

Although the Germans claim to hold Dombas and Opdal, they do not claim to control railway communications to Trondheim via either the Osterdal or Gudbrandsdal valleys.

So far, the Germans have not even officially claimed to have occupied Stoen.

Military authorities in London state that the situation in the southern sector is fluid, with no fixed front lines.

Comparatively light forces are involved on both sides, and for this reason sudden and unexpected reverses can be expected.

It is possible for the Germans at Ulsberg to link up with the Germans at Trondheim without touching Stoen, simply by skirting around the British positions.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Quite a number of Dock Rights were absorbed at \$6.60 fairish lines of Government Loans, the 4% at \$102 and 3½% at \$97 and H.K. Banks at \$1,510 and \$1,515 helped to "lace" the turnover in an otherwise uninteresting market.

**Buyers**  
H.K. Banks \$1,505  
Bank of East Asia \$74  
Unions Insurance \$480  
Docks Rts. \$6.60  
Providents \$4¼  
Hotels \$4.35  
Realities \$4.40  
Telephones (New) \$10  
Lane Crawford \$8.10  
Wm. Powell \$1  
Entertainments \$7.15  
**Sellers**  
Docks Cum. Rts. \$22  
Hotels \$4.35  
Providents \$4¼  
Electricity \$65¼  
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Docks Rts. \$6.60  
Watsons \$9.10  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$102  
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan \$97

## LATE NEWS

### NAZIS COOL OFF JAPANESE

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Reuter).—Relations between Germany and Japan are definitely cooling as the Germans begin to realise that Japan has her hands full in China and cannot give Germany any assistance in the present war.

This declaration was made yesterday by Wolfe Schenke, the representative of the Trans-Ocean News Agency.

Japanese ships, he said, were not carrying goods to Germany, nor were they now carrying German passengers of military age.

"These things are very irritating," he added.

Schenke said that Germany now realised that Japan could not attack Hongkong or Singapore, as many Germans had previously hoped.

Germany, he declared, would not recognise Wang Ching-wei, and the German Press had been instructed not to give publicity to the Nanking regime.

Formerly, he said, Wang Ching-wei had some following in Germany, due to his pro-German policy.

Opinion in Germany regarding the Sino-Japanese War was divided, he added. One group, consisting mostly of German Army leaders, believed that Japan could not win, but thought that some compromise might eventually be reached between China and Japan.

## Hungary As Tool Of Hitler Intrigue NAZI ATTEMPT TO CONTROL DANUBE

PARIS, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Diplomatic circles here expect that Germany will shortly create a pretext for the dispatch of gunboats to strategic points on the Yugoslavian and Rumanian reaches of the Danube.

The first attempt to attain this object was foiled on April 17 when Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Bulgaria signed an agreement in which each State was responsible for policing its own part of the Danube.

But Germany's hand is seen here in a new Hungarian proposal.

The proposal suggests that the policing of a sector comprising the Iron Gate Narrows shall be entrusted to an International Squadron under a definition which would include Germany.

Rumania and Yugoslavia have already definitely rejected Hungary's proposal. Bulgaria has not yet replied.

**Bulgaria's Policy.**  
BUCHAREST, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Press gives an exceptional welcome to a statement by the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, that if any of Bulgaria's neighbours are threatened by war, Bulgaria will do nothing to aggravate the situation.

This is regarded in political circles here as an important milestone on the road to Balkan unity.

The papers point out that this is the first time that M. Popoff has definitely stated that Balkan solidarity is the basis of Bulgaria's foreign policy.

**Italian Cabinet Meets To-day**

ROME, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini will preside over the Cabinet on May 1.

It is understood that the Cabinet hereafter will assemble on the first day of each month.

Political circles believe that tomorrow's meeting will deal with negotiations between Britain and Russia, Yugoslavia and Russia and trade talks between Britain and Italy.

**Must Know The Law**  
Mr. Edwards said it was defendant's business to know the law and there was no point in giving an address to the Police unless it was the right one. At the present time not only allens had to report their change of address but also all British subjects in Hongkong.

Saying that he was taking into consideration the fact that defendant had gone to the Registration Office to report himself, Mr. Edwards imposed a fine of \$15.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Sir Herbert James Stanley's term of office as Governor of Southern Rhodesia has been extended until April, 1941. Sir Herbert has been Governor since 1935.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (British Wireless).—It is authoritatively stated that no British officer or soldier has crossed the frontier into Sweden in the course of the present campaign in Norway.

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